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HOW TO LEAD A LUCKIER LIFE

By Catherine Canadeo

As our favorite green-wearing leprechaun-loving spring holiday approaches, you may begin to wonder about the concept of luck. Is luck a real phenomenon? And if it is, does it affect everyone equally, or are some of us truly luckier than others? Conventional wisdom states that luck is a matter of chance. Maybe someone you know seems to snatch up the best job opportunities, your friend stumbled upon a great idea, or an acquaintance manages to maintain a happy relationship. But what is it that makes some people luckier than others?

A recent British researcher named Richard Wiseman conducted a study that showed what we call luck to be closely related to the way we think and choose to behave. Furthermore, the study discovered one could actually learn to be luckier. In fact, the process seems almost too easy- just be willing to apply these four essential principals in our lives.

Creating Chance Opportunities

The first essential principle in leading a luckier life is to put yourself in the habit of creating chance opportunities. It turns out that the luckiest people are quite skilled at noticing and capitalizing on opportunities many of us miss or simply overlook. Do you talk to strangers? Do you jump on opportunities to collaborate with new people? Creating, or at the very least taking advantage of these chance opportunities can be life changing. After all, haven't we all heard of being in the right place at the right time? Do something out of the ordinary this week. Routines can lead to ruts, whether its talking to the same people, eating the same

food, or doing the same type of work. Stepping outside your boundary increases the likelihood of a lucky break.

Feeling Lucky

The second essential principle is allowing yourself to feel lucky. Perhaps it's mind over matter, but simply reminding yourself how lucky you already are will make you feel luckier. Like gratitude, if you appreciate the luck and fortune you've already experienced you are more likely to generate more of the same. Many often attribute other people's fortunes to good luck, while their own misfortunes are the result of bad luck. It's true that some people are born with advantages, or events happen to us that are outside our control, but you can always do something to build upon what you have. When you open yourself to new places and step outside your routine you might find yourself getting lucky.

Thinking Lucky

The third essential principle is about reshaping and reframing your own thoughts to "think lucky." In other words, rather than thinking "I never win anything" or "I will never get ahead", allow yourself to think positively. Lucky people are optimistic and have positive expectations, which lead to self-fulfilling prophecies. Even if things take a turn for the worse, they can spot the good in the situation while "non-lucky" people might see the same situation and only point out the negatives.

Denying Fate or Destiny

Wiseman's fourth essential principle secures the adage that we make our own luck. Take control of your life; if something is destined to be, then make it happen. Perhaps this all sounds easier than done. Lucky people are open to new experiences, travel to new places, meet new people and try new things.



Say Yes

Accept invitations which are out of your normal comfort zone and meet new people. Meeting new people is where you will find new opportunities. Smile. You might be surprised how approachable you are when you smile. A simple smile could welcome the right person, the right opportunity, and yes, even welcome luck into your life. Lucky people score significantly higher on extroversion. They smile twice as often and engage in more eye contact. Replace the negative "Woe-is-Me" attitude with "Why Not Me!" Allow good things to happen and believe they are coming.

It all comes down to this: Your luck, and your life, is ultimately what you choose to be. Choose wisely, and the Luck of the Irish might just be on your side.

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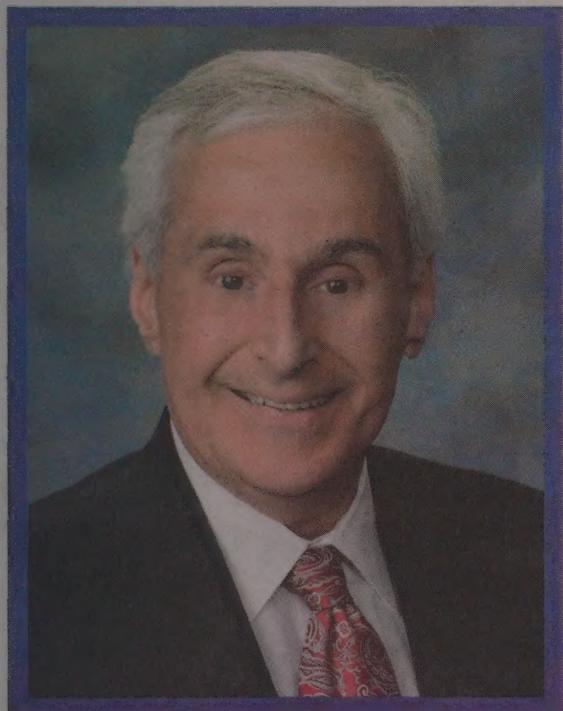
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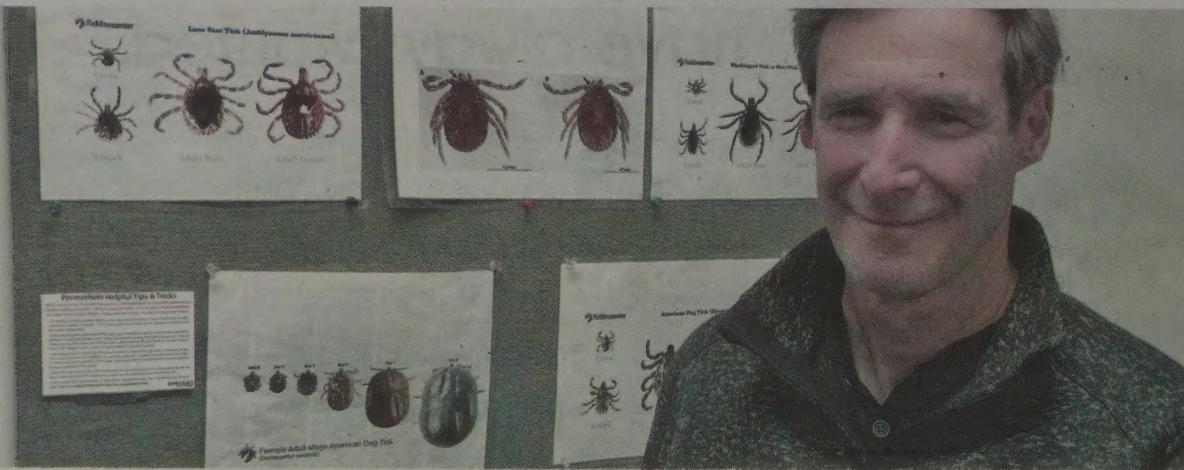
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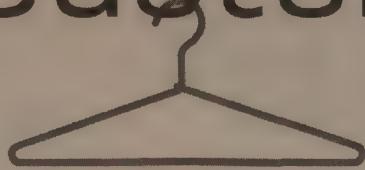
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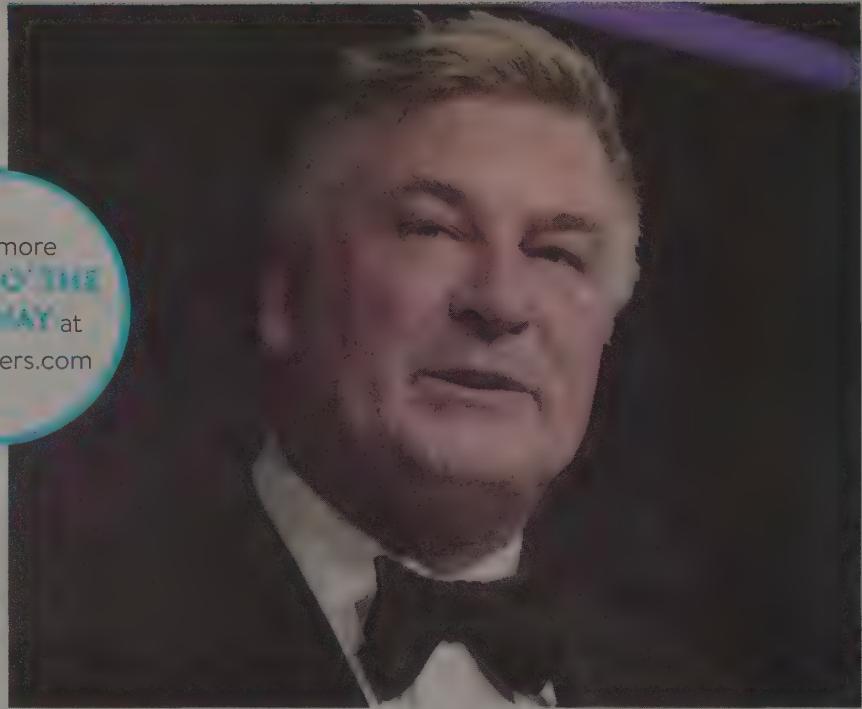
The Santa Fe District Attorney's Office announced that it is dropping the gun enhancement charge against Amagansett resident **Alec Baldwin**. The crime would have carried a five-year sentence for the actor if convicted in the fatal shooting of Halyna Hutchins on the set of *Rust* in October 2021. The involuntary manslaughter charge still stands, carrying a sentence of 18 months if there is a conviction. The amended complaint was filed February 17. The charge of involuntary manslaughter was also dropped against armorer **Hannah Gutierrez-Reed**. In a statement, Santa Fe District Attorney **Mary Carmack-Altweis** said, "In order to avoid further litigious distractions by Mr. Baldwin and his attorneys, the District Attorney and the special prosecutor have removed the firearm enhancement to the involuntary manslaughter charges in the death of Halyna Hutchins on the *Rust* film set. The prosecution's priority is securing justice, not securing billable hours for big-city attorneys."

In the midst of getting divorced, hedge fund billionaire **Michael Fisch** and his wife are engaged in a battle over their three homes on Further Lane in East Hampton that are worth a total of \$100 million, reports the *New*

York Post's "Page Six." The founder of New York-based American Securities, which has revenue totaling \$45 billion, Fisch married **Laura Roberson**, a former model, 33 years ago without a prenuptial agreement. The first Further Lane house on "Billionaires' Row" was bought in 2007 for \$25.7 million. The couple purchased the house next door in 2012 for \$28 million and the third home for \$32.5 million in 2013.

Don Lemon was missing from *CNN: This Morning* on February 17, a day after the Sag Harbor resident publicly apologized for his comments after presidential candidate **Nikki Haley**, 51, remarked that anyone running for presidency older than 75 should take mental competency tests. Haley, the former governor of South Carolina, is running against President **Joe Biden**, 80, who has not announced his candidacy, and former President **Donald Trump**, 76. CNN cohost **Kaitlin Collins** explained Lemon's absence by saying he "has the day off." As reported by numerous sources, on February 16, Lemon, 56, said on air, "Nikki Haley isn't in her prime, sorry. A woman is said to be in her prime in her 20s, 30s

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and maybe 40s." This escalated not only into Lemon's cohost **Poppy Harlow** asking, "Are you talking about prime for childbearing or are you talking about prime for being president?" This was followed by a storm of complaints about Lemon's comments all over social media, and by Haley responding with, "To be clear, I am NOT calling for sexist middle-aged CNN anchors, only for people who make our laws and are 75-plus." After Lemon posted an apology on social media, an insider told *OK!* that Lemon participated in a call on February 17 with fellow CNN staffers to apologize for his comments. Said the source, "Don jumped on for only 90 seconds to address what he said about Nikki Haley and, for that matter, all women."

Steven Spielberg has crowned **Tom Cruise** the hero of Hollywood. The East Hampton resident ran into Cruise and hugged him on February 13 at the Oscar nominees luncheon in Beverly Hills, CA. According to *People* magazine, documentarian **Kartiki Gonsalves** posted a video on Instagram of Cruise and Spielberg talking, in which Spielberg told the *Top Gun: Maverick* star he "saved Hollywood's ass" with the film, which was the highest-grossing movie in the U.S. in 2022. Spielberg also told Cruise that he "might have saved theatrical

distribution" entirely with the 1986 hit's long-awaited sequel. Spielberg's *The Fabelmans* is nominated for seven Oscars, while *Top Gun: Maverick* has four nominations. The 95th Academy Awards will be presented on March 12 at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood.

Following **Ryan Seacrest**'s announcement that he is returning to Los Angeles when the Hollywood portion of *American Idol* begins, and will no longer be cohosting *Live with Kelly and Ryan*, ABC announced that Southampton resident **Mark Consuelos** would be replacing Seacrest and joining his wife, **Kelly Ripa** on the show. According to *OK!* magazine, ABC had been considering Consuelos ever since it was discovered that Seacrest was planning to depart from the morning chat fest. The bosses were reportedly eager to put Ripa's husband in Seacrest's seat because the ratings are very high whenever the *Riverdale* actor appears on the show. After Seacrest announced on-air February 16 that he was leaving, Ripa responded with, "The only person I can think of that is capable of holding (Ryan's) torch the way (he has) held it would be my husband, Mark Consuelos."

Blade Urban Air Mobility, which is known for flying well-to-do New Yorkers to the Hamptons by helicopter, tested its new eVTOL (electric vertical



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take-off and landing) aircraft, which is a lot quieter than a regular helicopter, on February 14 to continue its effort to go green, reports the *New York Post*. The new helicopter, which is called an EVA, or electrical vertical aircraft, looks like a combination of a small plane and a helicopter, with rotator blades on the aircraft's wings.

Ireland Baldwin has already found a name for her unborn daughter, according to *OK!* magazine. During an appearance on the *Girlboss Radio* podcast, the daughter of Amagansett resident Alec Baldwin and his ex-wife actress **Kim Basinger** said, "We're naming her Holland. I'm Ireland, so another country name because we wanted to keep that consistent," explaining why she and boyfriend **RAC** chose the name. Ireland continued, "And then I love the actress **Holland Taylor**. I've always loved that name

since I was young. I just thought that was such a classy, beautiful name, so we're going with Holland."

Court TV announced in a press release that its hit true-crime series, *Someone They Knew With Tamron Hall*, returned for its second season on February 19 with the first of 24 new episodes to be seen Sunday nights. Meanwhile, **Tamron Hall**, a resident of Sag Harbor, was joined by influencers **Dapper Dan**, **Claire Summers** of "Fashion Bomb Daily" and others who attended **Bevy Smith**'s new podcast series "It Gets Great Later" at the private venue Soho House in NYC. Smith also hosted a private screening of *80 for Brady* on February 2.

Author and speaker **Ndaba Man-**

dela, grandson of Nelson Mandela, and Manhattan Borough President **Mark Levine** were among the special guests of New York State Assembly member **Rebecca Seawright**, who also resides in Southampton, at the well-attended Super Bowl Watch Party held at Sojourn's on Second Avenue on Manhattan's Upper East Side. The audience included a strong turnout

of local neighborhood community activists as well as pickle ball players. A free raffle following halftime included prizes of pickle ball accessories. A great time was had by all.

We Hear ...

The Southampton Arts Center held the opening reception for *East End Collected7* on February 11. SAC's website states the

organization is excited to present the seventh installment of **Paton Miller**'s exhibition that reflects the artist's vision of the East End as an ideal environment for creating work. *East End Collected7* will also feature more than 40 artists in this collective show complemented by exhibition and studio tours, artist talks, and a special film by filmmaker **Lana Jokel**. The show runs through April 29.

Southampton resident **Jean Shafiroff** can now add runway model to her resume. Also a celebrity philanthropist and author, Shafiroff walked the runway in designer **Malan Breton**'s New York Fashion Week show on February 11.

Sightings ...

Sagaponack resident and author **Padma Lakshmi** walking her rescue dog *Divina* in Manhattan February 16.

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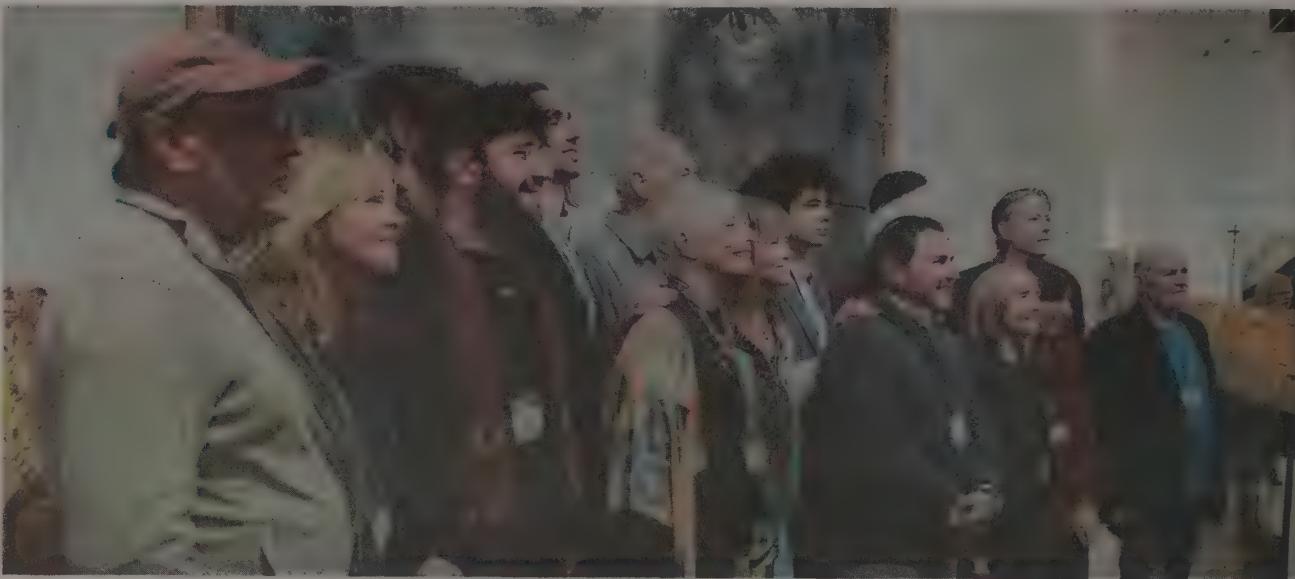
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Artists Patrick Peters, Lautaro Cuttica, Ruth Cuttica, Paton Miller, curator Franco Cuttica

East End Collected7 Exhibition Marks Southampton Arts Center's 10th Anniversary

Guests came together to see the *East End Collected7* exhibition and celebrate Southampton Arts Center 10th anniversary of community building through the arts. The East End Collected presented its seventh installment of Paton Miller's exhibition, which features over 40 artists from across the East End, displaying their artworks, offering artist talks and even a film screening. With the opening of this beautiful exhibit coinciding with SAC's 10-year anniversary, there was no shortage of things to celebrate as guests were immersed into the world of art.



Artists Group Shot



Adam Straus artist



SAC Curator Paton Miller, SAC Executive Director Christina Straasfield



SAC Board Members Paul Travis and Robert Vahradian and SAC Executive Director Christina Straasfield



Nathan Slate Joseph, artist



Sam Miller, artist



Obed and The African Brothers with Jay Schneiderman



George Sculman, artist

Candace Hill, artist

East Enders Make Valentines from the Heart

Locals headed to the Rogers Memorial Library to learn how to create a handmade Valentine's Day card using a Cricut cutting machine.



Students Working



Mayra Scanlon Librarian

Danielle FASHION PIC OF THE WEEK



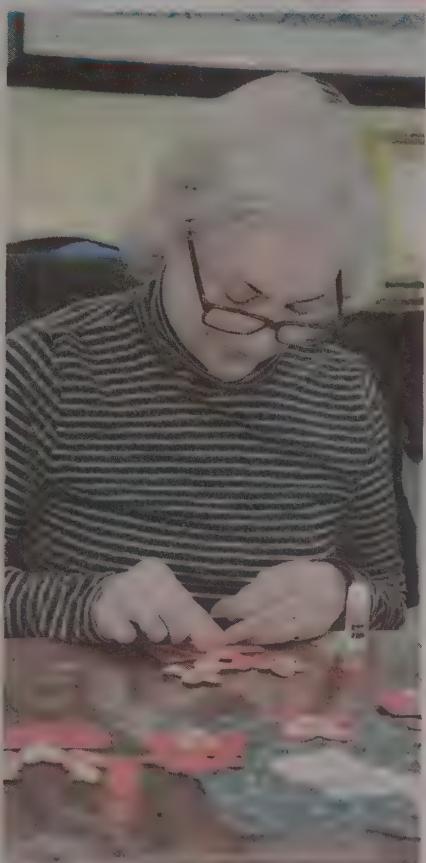
The stylist artist Joanlee Montefusco is with her work "Once Upon a Time" at *The Return of Love & Passion* 19th annual art show at Ashawagh Hall in Springs.
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David Dean Bottrell Brings Stand-Up Act to Bay Street Theater

David Dean Bottrell performed his comic array of love stories at Bay Street Theater where the hearts of his audience were touched as the relatable story of searching to find romance in an unpredictable world was told. Anyone who had an understanding of the feeling of ups and downs of the realm of modern dating could appreciate this beautifully crafted show. With complimentary roses, a red carpet, a cocktail reception, the Bay Street Theater and the LGBT Network put together a fantastic evening out.

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Robert Vitelli, Tina Pignatelli, Ernesto Hernandez, Brian Rosen



Michael Pintauro, Ellen Ashenfarb



Patty Tighe, Nicloe Brand

Ellen Ashenfarb, Elisa Rojas



Catherine Beniincasa, Alexis Livingston, Kristen Churchill



Mala Sander, Tina Pignatelli



Carmen Guzman, David Dean Bottrell



Durell Godfrey

Open Studio Painting Hits Quogue

Hamptonites took their artistic selves over to the Quogue Library, where they had a chance to paint their favorite local scenery and landmarks.



Cathy and Sal Tantillo



Jenna Martuscello teaching



Jenna Martuscello, Lee Raza



Lorraine Florentine

Notable Sightings

On February 2, in Washington D.C., Rabbi Marc Schneier of The Hampton Synagogue had the distinct honor of joining 10 other American Jewish leaders in a warm, intimate hour-long discussion with the King of Jordan, His Majesty Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein, at the residence of Jordanian Ambassador to the U.S., H.E. Dina Kawar.



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NEWS & VIEWS

Man Steals SUV with Young Child Strapped Inside in Greenport

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Southold police, a good Samaritan and a distressed grandmother took part in a dramatic Valentine's Day chase in an attempt to stop an alleged car thief from escaping with a young child still strapped into the vehicle.

According to police, at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, a woman stopped on Front Street in Greenport to enter a store briefly while her sleeping grandchild remained secured in a child safety seat in the backseat of her Mercedes-Benz SUV.

While in the store, the grandmother noticed her vehicle being driven away westbound by an unknown subject with her grandchild still secured inside. Outside, a man who was parked nearby and had witnessed the event, invited the grandmother into his vehicle and set off in pursuit of the Mercedes SUV on Route 25.

The good Samaritan was able to catch up to the stolen SUV and cut it off at the shoulder near Moore's Lane. At that point, the grandmother was able to get into her commandeered Mercedes to rescue her grandchild from the suspect — a white male in his '50s who she did not know.

Things escalated further when the suspect then continued to drive west on Route 25 now with both the grandmother and child in the SUV.

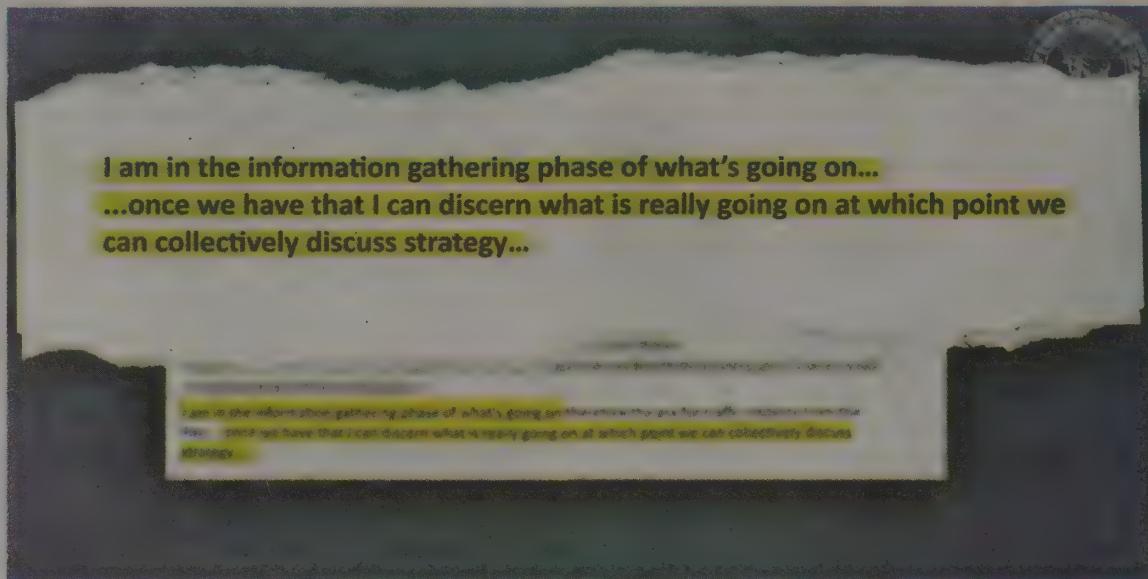
The good Samaritan continued chasing the Mercedes on Route 25 and was able to get the suspect to stop for a second time near Silvermere Road, where he released the grandmother and child before continuing to drive west.

At this point, while the good Samaritan called 911, police said a sector car observed the trio standing on the road and was able to gather critical information on the vehicle and a description of the driver to broadcast to other police cars, which found him within minutes.

Police said the suspect, operating the stolen SUV, sped through Southold Village passing other cars and disregarding traffic signals until he struck a guardrail, drove up onto the Southold American Legion property, and stopped.

Responding officers quickly apprehended the 55-year-old Paul G. Ludeman of Holtsville without a struggle and charged him with multiple felonies, including grand larceny, driving while intoxicated with child in the car (Leandra's Law) and unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

Ludeman was also charged with misdemeanors, including: act in manner to injure a child, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle without owner's consent, fleeing an officer in a motor vehicle, use of a vehicle without an interlock device and reckless driving, plus a variety of traffic infractions.



OFFICIALS RELEASED THIS EMAIL THE SUFFOLK COUNTY CLERK'S FORMER IT DIRECTOR SENT DAYS BEFORE THE SUFFOLK CYBERATTACK

Suffolk County Back Online Months After Cyberattack

BY BRIANA BONFIGLIO

The Suffolk County website is back online nearly six months after its systems were shut down due to a cyberattack on September 8, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone announced on Friday, February 17.

The county website is up and running again, including most county forms and applications, while others will be restored by next week. During the time they were offline, cyber security experts conducted a thorough investigation tracing the intrusion back to the county clerk's office in Riverhead.

"After these extensive efforts, I am very happy to announce, thanks to the partnership and leadership in the county clerk's office, that while work still remains, the clerk's office has been deemed

clean and we are able to start to restore online services beginning with the county website," Bellone said. "All users in the clerk's office will now have access to email and the clerk's office will now be able to connect to other domains."

An investigation of the cyberattack concluded that cyber criminals entered the county's online system through the former county clerk's IT environment in December 2021.

About eight months later, the hackers found credentials that gave them access to the larger county IT environment, and the cyberattack occurred about two weeks later.

Every IT environment in the county was deemed clean by October 17, 2022, except for the county clerk's, Bellone said, noting that the county's IT department found significant issues with the firewall system in the clerk's office.

"These delays have been extremely costly to the taxpayers of this county," Bellone said. "The good news is we have made significant progress in the past seven weeks."

Bellone said that most online forms have been restored, and more will be restored by next week.

The county executive called the effort a "rolling restoration."

East Marion Head-On Crash Leaves 4 Dead

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Four people were killed when two vehicles collided in a head-on crash in East Marion late Friday, February 17, Southold Town Police said.

The collision at 11:33 p.m. on Route 25 is being investigated by the Southold Town Police Department and the New York State Police accident reconstructive team, authorities said.

Heath Miller, 47, of Greenport and 55-year-old William Price of Wilton, Conn. were traveling westbound on Route 25 in a 2023 Tesla when the vehicle collided with an eastbound 2020 Ford Explorer driven by Peter

R. Smith, 80, and his passenger Patricia A. O'Neill, 66, both of Brooklyn, police said.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

The Suffolk County Police Emergency Services Unit as well as the East Marion, Orient and Southold Fire Departments also responded to the scene.

The collision was the deadliest on the North Fork since the 2015 Cutchogue crash in which a pickup truck struck a limousine, killing four young women visiting local wineries. The truck driver pleaded guilty to driving while ability impaired in that case and the limo driver was cleared of criminally negligent homicide charges for making a U-turn at the time of the crash.

NEWS & VIEWS

East End Town Supervisor Candidates Begin to Emerge

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The first few local political candidates have begun lining up to fill a wave of town supervisor seats that are being vacated at the end of this year on the East End.

On the North Fork, Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski (D-Peconic) announced his campaign to replace outgoing longtime Southold Town Supervisor Scott Russell, a Republican. And on the South Fork, Westhampton Beach Village Mayor Maria Moore confirmed she met with local Democratic committee members in a bid to replace term-limited Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, a Democrat. And East Hampton Councilwoman Kathee Burke-Gonzalez has reportedly screened with Democrats in a bid to run for the seat held by outgoing East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scocoy.

The trio are the first to emerge in three of the four town supervisor races on the East End in which there will be no incumbent on ballots on Election Day. As *Dan's Papers* has reported, this is the first time in 30 years that four of the region's five town supervisor seats have vacancies all at once.

Candidates have yet to be named in the race to replace outgoing Riverhead Town Supervisor Yvette Aguiar, a Republican. Shelter Island Town Supervisor Gerry Siller, a Democrat, said he is "considering all options," signaling he may be the lone incumbent East End town supervisor on ballots this fall. Republican candidates could not be confirmed as of press time.



WESTHAMPTON BEACH MAYOR MARIA MOORE

Cramped Hamptons 'Summer House' After Illegal Bedrooms Found

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

Summer House, the show about a group of friends spending summer in the Hamptons together, premiered its seventh season on Bravo on Monday, February 13, revealing one major kink in their summer plans. The discovery of illegal bedrooms gave their share house less space.

Just days before filming began in the Water Mill house for the 2022 summer season, Southampton Town officials realized there were more bedrooms than there were supposed to be.

"The Hamptons: Known for old money, also old laws," one of the castmates, Kyle Cooke, says during the narration as he and his wife, Amanda Batula, have a look around at their summer living quarters, the same \$5 million house that was used for the previous season. "Our house just so happens to be zoned for five bedrooms — not nine."

Cooke says he got a call one day earlier that four of the bedrooms were not usable.

"So, welcome to camp."

Ryan J. Murphy, the Town Code Compliance & Emergency Management Administrator, gave the back story to *Behind The Hedges* — and it, of course, has nothing to do with old Hamptons laws.

When his department reviewed the film permit application, they found it "presented characteristics that were inconsistent with some of our other records," and it prompted an inspection at the 6,500-square-foot home on a gated five-acre parcel at 2136 Deerfield Road.

"We found nine bedrooms created in the dwelling, but the rental permit and certificate(s) of occupancy only allowed for five bedrooms, which is also consistent with the tax records."

His office informed the property owner, listed as an LLC, of the violations, and the owner was ordered to address them immediately. A cease and desist order was issued for the "intended violations/conditions existing in violation," Murphy says.

"The property owner and the production company were very responsive to that and we then engaged in productive conversations to address the issues and concerns," he adds.

Asked what the rooms were supposed to be if they were not legally bedrooms, he said he was not sure, but the floor plans submitted with the rental application showed the first floor only had one bedroom.

There were two rooms on the floor identified as "offices," which, he said, might have been rooms they intended on trying to convert to bedrooms.

This week, Murphy reviewed portions of the first episode that referenced the bedroom issues.

"I know in seeing them walk in, they were surprised to see a gym on the first floor and I think



THE SUMMER HOUSE SEASON 7 CAST

some other sitting room. Those were probably the spaces on the submitted floor plan identified as offices," he said.

The second-floor plans show four bedrooms, a movie theater and an office space. "The office has a closet and a bath, so I'm guessing that was planned to be re-purposed into an illegal extra bedroom," he said.

It is unclear what other room was converted into a bedroom.

"When thinking about the increase you have to also consider what was the septic built to handle," Murphy explained. "I do not know the answer to that question, but it could be part of the reason the bedroom count is what it was identified to be in the records."

That didn't stop the owner and the production crew from adding beds to larger rooms to provide a place to sleep for everyone, as seen when Cooke and his wife tour the house.

As many as 13 people stayed in the house for the summer season, some on rotating weekends.

Another issue was some of the summer parties being planned for the show since the house is located in a residential neighborhood, in a wooded area between Sag Harbor and Water Mill, with limited ingress, egress and on-site parking, Murphy added.

"The production company was very cooperative in trying to address these issues ahead of the filming start," he said. "Ultimately our meetings and conversations yielded a successful season for them with no neighborhood complaints or issues to my knowledge."

The show's sixth season, which debuted in February 2022, was also filmed in the house at 2136 Deerfield Road and it utilized more bedrooms.

"I believe that perhaps information about the intended use of the house was revealed in the filming application that had not previously come to our attention," Murphy said. "The previous rental permit from 2021 when the house was under different ownership was also issued for five bedrooms, so the town's records and regulations for the property didn't change from one year to the next; I think our knowledge of what the conditions were changed."

While the castmates were taken by surprise — some only finding out when they arrived on the first day of filming — Murphy is happy with how the process worked on his end.

DAN'S COLUMN

New Laws for Party Balloons

BY DAN RATTINER

For years, party balloons were freely floated up to the ceilings at celebrations throughout the Hamptons to offer joy to whomever was being honored. When the parties ended, the balloons were supposed to be deflated and thrown in the trash. But with too much to drink, wonderful memories and getting ready for bed, who has time to do that? Hopefully the cleanup people would do it, maybe in the morning.

Well, we all know what happens. The balloons, some of them, get out into the air and rise up into the sky. There, meeting the trade winds and the Gulf Stream, they get pushed around this way and that and then dropped down into the ocean where waves float them ashore to become long lines of small, wrinkled, smudged but glittering and still partially inflated message deliverers, still waving fiercely on their strings a few feet above the sand. Congratulations, Herman. Bar Mitzvah Boy Bernie! Joe and Joy's Wedding! It's a Boy! Honoring Our New Deacon!

Many, many people take walks along the shoreline of our 60 miles of long sandy beaches in the Hamptons. Far from the stress of the city, these folks walk the beaches either alone or in pairs to enjoy the soothing sounds and sights of the sea, the sun, the salt sea air, the shells, crabs, seagulls, seaweed, driftwood, sand and especially the ... what is this? Oh, no!

And so, as you may know, 10 years ago, finally, laws were passed in the Hamptons to make people take responsibility for their wrongdoings. It was not hard to locate the criminals. They were the party-givers for the Hermans, Deacons, Joes and Joys whose names were now waving crookedly on the beach in the breeze. And so, the party-givers were notified, ticketed, arrested, sentenced and fined \$200 for the first offense, and increasingly, a double amount for each occasion that the perpetration of the crimes by particular party-givers persisted.

But the party-givers thought this unfair. These releases were an accident. They'd done their best. But still some got out. Now they had to pay and pay.

And so, four years ago, new laws went into effect, giving the party-givers an exemption if, when a balloon got loose at the party and floated into the sky, they immediately called the town police who would track it, fetch

it when it came down, pop it immediately and dispatch it to the trash.

This became an excellent solution for almost everybody. The beaches were clean for the beach walkers. The party-givers were considered whistleblowers. The only group dissatisfied was the Hamptons police, who soon were spending nearly a quarter of their annual budgets tracking down and disposing of these errant floaters, as they referred to them.

And so now, after much debate, Hampton Town has, working with our local congressman, succeeded this week in getting still better laws passed that fix the problem, not only here in the Hamptons, but on ocean, lake and harbor beaches around the country. It's a solution to a national problem first reported in the Hamptons. Henceforth, whistleblowers will no longer be calling the police, but instead will call the federal authorities, who, within minutes, will launch a fighter such as an F-15 into the sky to

track a balloon scudding along the sky and shoot it down with a single missile shot.

The bill became law this week, actually two laws, after congressional Republicans and Democrats, each offering totally different versions, lined up their supporters to denounce the other's proposal, but were finally brought into unanimous agreement for the first time by passing both bills, which will allow American citizens to choose which version they wish to abide by.

In the Republican version, whistleblowers could take care of it personally, needing only to call the colonels in the military aircraft hangars at the nearest Air Force base to inform them of the location where the helium balloons got loose so the planes could, within a minute, be launched to get up there, find it and dispatch it.

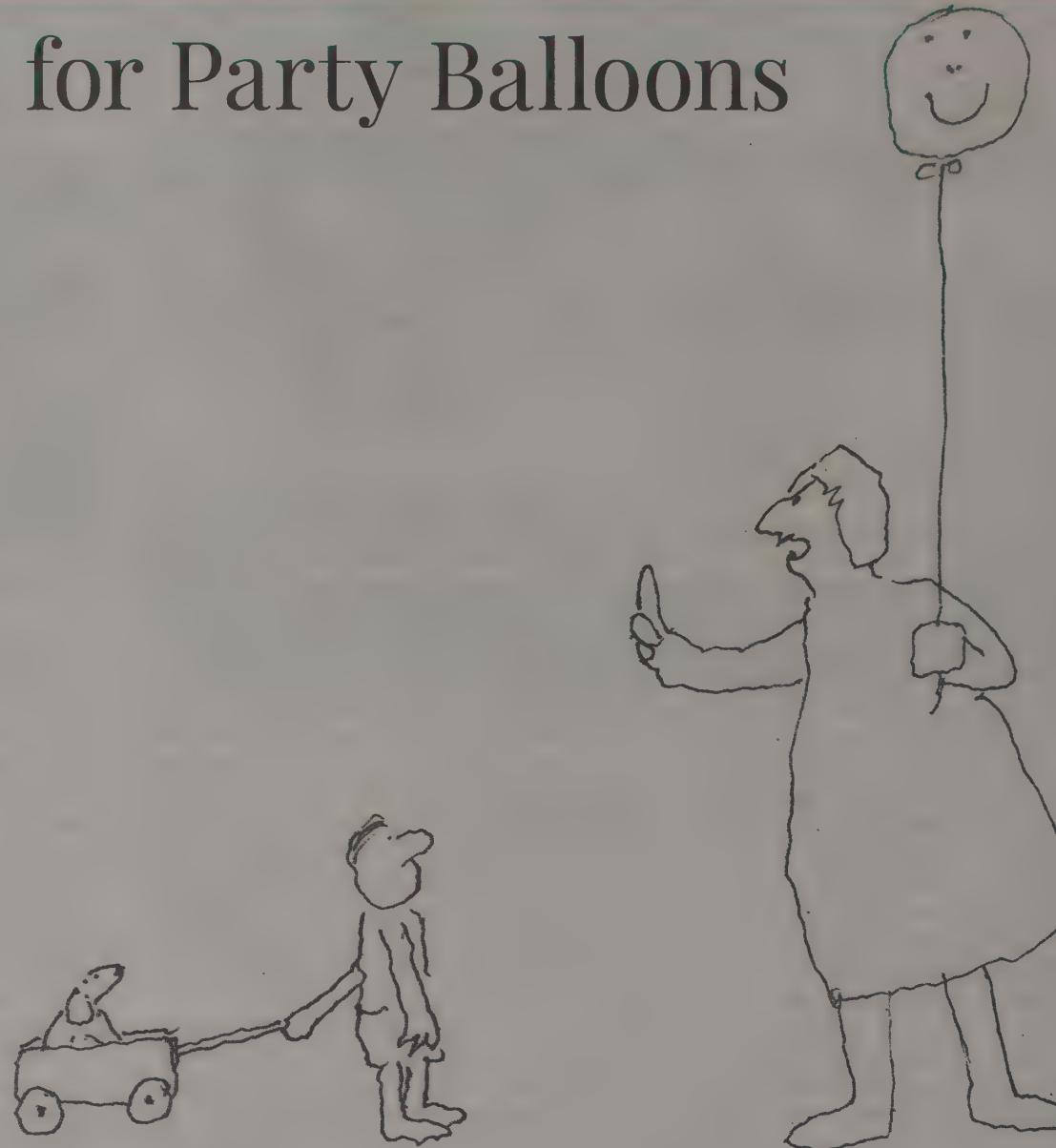
In the Democratic version, whistleblowers call an 800 number where

operators, in newly constructed office buildings, are standing by to relay the information to newly created state committees whose members will, by unanimous consent, approve the launch, get their particular governor to sign the order, and have President Joe Biden do the same, followed by a further signature from the secretary of defense after consulting with a citizens' committee in the district where the offense is taking place that consists of environmentalists, union officials and job equality leaders to then instruct the general of the Air Force to order a scramble at the nearest military base, so planes will be in the air to follow the balloon until it is over water but still within American jurisdiction, to fire the missile to do the job — usually within minutes.

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DR. GEORGE DEMPSEY HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL OF RESEARCH ON LYME DISEASE ALONG WITH COLLECTING BIOBANK SAMPLES.

EAST HAMPTON FAMILY MEDICINE

Lyme Disease Detection Makes Progress Nationwide Thanks to Local Samples

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Most people who live on the East End of Long Island know someone who has had Lyme disease, or they have contracted the illness themselves. It's quite common among folks who spend any time working outdoors, or enjoying nature in the Hamptons and North Fork. And while most get treated quickly and come through the other side unscathed, some say they have endured years of suffering and chronic problems with little help from the medical establishment because of an inability to diagnose.

With symptoms including painful and swollen joints, headaches, extreme fatigue, rashes, neck pain and stiffness, fever, irregular heartbeat, facial paralysis and more, Lyme disease can be quite difficult if left un-

identified and untreated. Testing is not always simple and the offending bacterium that causes the disease, a pathogenic spirochete called *Borrelia burgdorferi*, can be hard to find in the blood.

But promising efforts are being made to learn more and improve testing, including some excellent work underway right here in East Hampton that has led to a groundbreaking diagnostic discovery.

Since 2014, Dr. George Dempsey has been contributing vital samples to the Bay Area Lyme Foundation's Lyme Disease Biobank, which has proved invaluable to researchers studying new ways to test for Lyme disease. His East Hampton Family Medical practice is one of eight collection sites, joined by Massachusetts General Hospital on the East Coast, to have enrolled more

than 1,000 donors whose samples are supporting more than 70 research projects in academia and industry.

"It's just like a blood bank, essentially, but it's any tissue or blood or urine, or anything that can be stored, and then it's used for research," Dr. Dempsey says, explaining the biobank, which can keep samples for many years and stretch out their usefulness many times over during that time. "One blood donation could lead to 50 or 70 different research studies, because they just need a very small amount to do their assays," he adds.

This particular biobank, which has numerous samples donated by volunteers who come to Dr. Dempsey's office, is for tick-borne disease research only, and a board of experts reviews all requests to decide if scientists and researchers will be permitted to use sam-

ples they're asking to study and test.

"It's not like a free-for-all where everyone just grabs a sample — it's curated, you could say," Dr. Dempsey adds, describing a major goal of the biobank as "trying to get a better test that can be more definitive of the presence of the disease."

The problem, Dr. Dempsey says, is that almost all Lyme testing is "indirect," meaning doctors are not finding the bacteria in tests — instead they are looking for something that represents it, like antibodies that occur as a result of infection, for example.

"As you know from COVID, there's a lot of antibody tests out there," he says. "You also know from COVID that a PCR (test), which is molecular multiplication of the DNA, is more accurate," Dr. Dempsey continues, explaining that polymerase chain reac-

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A CLASSIC LYME DISEASE "BULLSEYE" RASH, WHICH IS NOT AS COMMON AS PEOPLE MIGHT THINK.



LADISLAV KUBES

DEER TICKS CARRY LYME DISEASE, AND THEY ARE QUITE SMALL.

tion, or PCR, tests detect genetic material from a specific organism, such as the COVID-19 virus.

Unfortunately, Lyme typically has so few spirochetes active in the blood, that it's almost impossible to detect with a PCR-style test. "It tends to disseminate in the first week — it tends to be out of the bloodstream or in such low numbers you can't pick it up," he says, acknowledging that it's like searching for one piece of carrot in a cauldron of soup, rather than testing for something like the salt content, which would be nearly the same in every spoonful.

"The only time you have 100% certainty is when you actually identify the actual bacterium somewhere in the body. If you can isolate that bacteria and you see it, that means it's there. But everything else is indirect," Dr. Dempsey reiterates. "Still, the case with testing and antibodies, the vast majority of people developed a strong antibody response and it shows," he continues, making clear that indirect testing remains very effective. "It just doesn't show early enough for a lot of people, so it takes weeks or a month to really develop the antibody response that the usual tests look for."

It's the reason people are often given a battery of antibiotics after receiving a tick bite or developing a rash around a bite, even if they no longer have the tick and are unsure if it was definitely a deer tick — the only species that car-

ries Lyme in this region. Dr. Dempsey has a library of rash images going back 20 years, and he says only 10% of people have the classic bullseye. "In a way, you have to give up the bullseye," he adds, because there are "so many other symptomatic rashes."

Many doctors treat what could potentially be Lyme rather than wait to find it with an accurate test after the body has had a chance to develop an immune response. This is also why it's very important to bring in the tick, if at all possible, as it can rule out Lyme right away.

"Most of the ticks (on the East End) now are lone star, not deer ticks. We like to look at the ticks. It really helps because you can distinguish how long it's been engorged and what type it is," Dr. Dempsey says, pointing out that lone star ticks do not cause Lyme, but they can cause other problems, including the alpha-gal allergy to red meat.

Thanks to samples like those Dr. Dempsey sends to the Lyme Disease Biobank, a new diagnostic technique was recently discovered and entered into a national competition for ways to detect and treat bacterial infection. Researchers at Drexel University were awarded a LymeX Diagnostic Prize of \$100,000 in November to help their new testing method advance toward FDA approval. It could have more than 80% success detecting Lyme early while also discerning between

past infections and reinfection.

As Dr. Dempsey describes it, the Drexel work doesn't just show that antibodies are there, it looks at "what clothes they're wearing." There's a difference if the antibody is "wearing relaxing pajamas" or "war suits," and doctors can use this knowledge to better understand what phase the disease is in. "It gives you an idea of what the antibodies are rather than just say, it's an antibody."

Dr. Dempsey, who won a Courage Award from the Bay Area Lyme Foundation in 2021, says it would be extremely helpful to be able to determine whether or not Lyme has been treated. "We don't know if it's been treated or not. We just go by symptoms ... Hopefully that will help. That to me will be the breakthrough, demonstrating that the infection has dissolved."

He adds, "It's very hard to define a disease if the symptoms are not specific. There's no classical, perfect description of what a Lyme symptom is because it's so similar to other things."

That said, Dr. Dempsey notes that while it can cause serious problems for infected people, Lyme is usually manageable. "I really emphasize it's easily treated when you catch it. I don't want to encourage paranoia."

The Centers for Disease Control says approximately 30,000 cases of Lyme disease are reported to them annually by state health departments and the District of Columbia, but that

does not reflect every Lyme case diagnosed in the United States each year. Recent CDC estimates suggest that the number of people who get Lyme each year in this country is closer to 476,000. And the continually warmer weather year-round is only increasing the prevalence of ticks that carry the disease, so this problem is not likely to get better or go away any time soon.

Dr. Dempsey is inviting the community to be part of the solution by donating samples to the biobank and assisting future research. People experiencing symptoms of early-stage Lyme disease, who have not yet been treated or who are in the first 48 hours of taking antibiotics, are asked to donate a small sample of blood and fill out forms reporting symptoms.

These may include flu-like ailments, fever or chills, muscle and/or joint pain, headaches, fatigue and sometimes the skin rash that commonly (but not always) presents as a circular or expanding bullseye spreading out around the original bite area.

Donors will receive information on tick-borne diseases, advice from experienced doctors, tick-bite prevention tips and — maybe the best part — a \$50 Amazon gift card as a thank-you for participating.

Contact Dr. Dempsey's East Hampton Family Medicine in-person at 200 Pantiago Road in East Hampton or by calling 631-324-9200.



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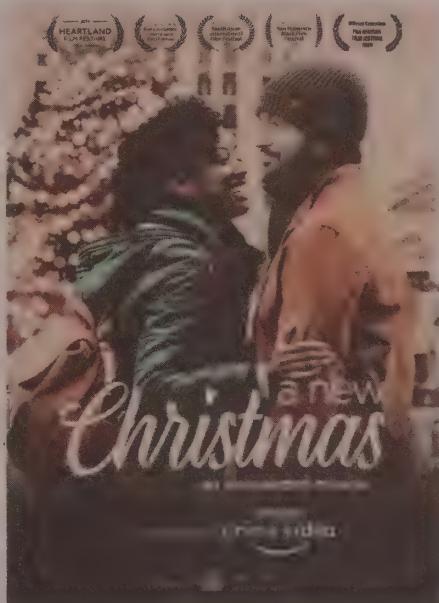
Born and raised in New York, Prashant Guptha moved to Mumbai in 2007 to fulfill his 'Bollywood Dreams.' Fifteen years and fifteen movies later, he has moved back to Manhasset with his family, and aspires to be an international star and make Long Island proud.

The actor expressed, "It's nice to have attained a certain level of success in showbiz, and whilst there is a long way to go, I'd like to do something that makes a positive impact in the lives of people pursuing such an uncertain profession." With that purpose was born the idea of producing a live-event in the global mecca of showbiz, Hollywood. When he came to know a fellow Bollywood actress and friend, Kashmara Shah, is coming to Los Angeles to setup a project, he came up with an idea to create a

platform to bring awareness about mental well-being in the field of arts & entertainment. Called CINEMA & SANITY – a Masterclass, the evening was an exclusive invitation only gala with nearly 150 guests comprising Hollywood producers, filmmakers, talent managers, celebrities and business professionals from various walks of life.

In his pursuit of putting this magnum-opus 'party with a purpose' together, Prashant claims he reached out to many people in the community for support, and much to his joy he found support from various people around the country, but in particular, two esteemed individuals from Long Island: Attorney and motivational coach Ariana Tadler, and, community leader and real estate agent Fran Lisner. Together, the three launched this first of its kind successful event that has now paved the way for more of such entertaining and impactful galas in different cities.

The single greatest take away from all the guests was that never before has an event been done in Hollywood that reflected upon the importance of mental health, happiness, mindfulness, along with offering tools for showbiz people to avoid depression, anxiety and unsustainability. "Having been through all this, I'm on a Tony Robbins kind of a mission to create a movement to prevent suffering in the lives of all who pursue the arts & entertainment as a career," said Prashant.



Having starred in several commercial and critically acclaimed films & shows in India, Prashant also produced and played the lead in an American feature, *A NEW CHRISTMAS*. The film was partially shot on Long Island, got official acceptance to over 15 film festivals and is now streaming on Amazon Prime. The actor concluded with a strong and passionate desire to be of celebrity value to Long Island, a place he feels can be a major entertainment hub.

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REAL ESTATE

Southampton Town Board Approves \$11.2M for John Steinbeck's Sag Harbor Property

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

Kathryn Szoka, an owner of Canio's Books in Sag Harbor, handed each Southampton Town Board member a pencil following their unanimous decision to spend \$11.2 million to purchase the development rights on the waterfront property that John Steinbeck once called home.

It was Szoka who first raised the idea that the Nobel laureate's modest home and his unique gazebo-like writing studio at 2 Bluff Point Lane, on a 1.8-acre peninsula overlooking Morris Cove and Upper Sag Harbor Cove, should be preserved when it first came on the market in February 2021. Listed at \$17.9 million, any public purchase seemed like a long shot.

"Every once in a while we get to do something historic. I believe this is historic," said Supervisor Jay Schneiderman just before the vote, following a public hearing Tuesday and a marathon-long meeting that lasted nearly five hours.

Steinbeck and his wife, Elaine, bought the property with the house on it in 1953. He had an octagonal, glass writer's gazebo built overlooking the water, and it is where he wrote *The Winter of Our Discontent*, his last novel, published in 1961. He called the cottage "Joyous Gard," after Lancelot's castle, and, as Szoka told the board, he wrote with a pencil on a yellow pad.

Despite having won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for *The Grapes of Wrath* in 1940 and then later the Nobel Prize for literature in 1962, he enjoyed relative anonymity in Sag Harbor. He was known to walk around in a fisherman's cap and rubber boots with his dog, Charley, in tow, even when he went to local dives like the Black Buoy.

In Sag Harbor, like much of the East End, "We kind of didn't care in a way, which made a lot of folks who had national prominence be individuals in this community," said Councilman Tommy John Schiavoni, who spearheaded the town's part in this project. "As the grandson of an Italian grocery store owner in Sag Harbor, I will be voting yes on this."

It took a lot of work to get to this point, he said, as he thanked the Sag Harbor Partnership, which is in contract to purchase the property, and the Michener Center for Writers at the University of Texas in Austin, which will lease the property and develop the Steinbeck Writers' Retreat, a residency program.

The Partnership, a nonprofit organization that rebuilt the Sag Harbor Cinema, agreed to purchase the property for \$13.5 million.

Southampton Town will contribute \$11.2 million from the Community Preservation Fund, money

that is raised by a 2% tax on most real estate transactions. While the property is in the Village of Sag Harbor, money on all transactions goes to the town where the village is located.

Meanwhile, the Partnership has to fund the remaining \$2.3 million, a significant portion of which has already been raised through private donations and a \$750,000 state grant.

At the town's public hearing February 14, Susan Mead, the co-president, reported to the town board that the organization has about \$199,000 left to go.

A fundraising effort has begun on GoFundMe.com to close the gap. Donations of \$1,000 or more will allow a donor to have their name on a brick, and donations of \$2,500 or more will earn a spot on a plaque honoring supporters. Donations are tax-deductible.

The University of Texas has committed a \$10 million endowment to protect, manage and run the writer's program, according to Mead.

Tuesday was the second public hearing on whether the town should use the CPF money for development rights. The sticking point during the one held last month was the public access plan for the property.

An agreement has since been reached between the town board, the Partnership and the Michener Center.

The access plan, available on the town's CPF website, calls for open houses on Memorial Day, Labor Day and Columbus Day weekends. The public would be able to go inside the house by appointment only from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with 20 slots available per hour, including 10 people who could arrive in a single boat. Only the bedrooms would be off-limits since the writers are staying in the house.

On Saturdays in June and July, visits would be by appointment only, with the same 20 slots available from noon to 4 p.m. The main house would not be open, but visitors could walk the grounds and view the gazebo.

From the fall through the spring, the public could visit on Saturdays, by appointment only, from noon to 4 p.m., with a maximum of 20 visits per hour.

Jacqueline Fenlon, the town's acting CPF manager, said parking has also been a balancing act. "We don't want to degrade the quiet neighborhood and create a large parking slot," she told the board. Seven parking spots have been identified, five of which will be for the public, and there will be compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.



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THE SAG HARBOR PARTNERSHIP IS IN CONTRACT TO BUY JOHN STEINBECK'S PROPERTY AT 2 BLUFF POINT LANE IN SAG HARBOR FOR \$13.5 MILLION.

The writers in residence will also hold a writing class one day per year that will be open to two high school students from each school in Southampton Town.

Councilman Schiavoni pointed out that the property will also be given a historic designation.

While the community response was overwhelmingly favorable during the hearing, the public access plan was not without dissenters.

David Nelson told the board it was insufficient.

"It is a plan to have a plan at some point in the future," he said of the document. "It doesn't have the detail necessary to support an \$11 million purchase."

Parking, traffic, toilets, logistics, legal issues and other intricate matters should be more clearly defined, he said, "before you write a check, especially one over \$11 million."

He added, "There is no reason to rush — the property has been on the market for years and the real estate market is cold."

Nelson also raised a question about who really benefits from the town's expenditure: the estate of Elaine Steinbeck and the University of Texas, which he said has a \$43 billion endowment.

"I wonder why Southampton will put 83% of the funds, which will only buy the development rights for a sliver," he said. "One board seat out of 15."

"Another reason not to rush is there are better alternatives," he continued. "The CPF could use the money to buy the 7-Eleven property to double the size of Steinbeck Waterfront Park," he said of the commercial property in the village that recently came on the market for \$25 million after the Friends of Bay Street abandoned a plan to create a new theater there.

"The writing gazebo," which he said is the only valuable structure on the property, "could be moved there, making it accessible to hundreds of times more people with a far greater community benefit."

Schneiderman later commented that using CPF money towards the preservation of this property does not preclude the board from using it for another property. The town is fortunate to have "ample funds."

"It's not a competition," he said. "We're looking at a lot of different things in the Sag Harbor area."

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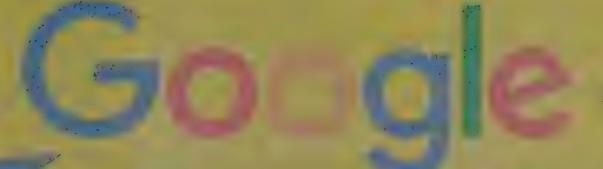
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Calverton	Michael & Vanessa Koenig	Kaelib Couto Trust	8 Carol Court	Residence	11/21/22	725,000
Cutchogue	Rimor Development LLC	Philip & Valerie Terenzio	39 Harvest Pointe Lane	Condo	12/21/22	990,000
East Hampton	S & C Property Trust	Chad Leat	40 Hedges Banks Drive	Residence	10/26/22	5,550,000
	Caroline & William Schild	Jason & Adria Kaminski	91 Three Mile Harbor Road	Residence	10/14/22	2,975,000
	Patricof Family Trust	East Hampton Rejuvenation Properties LLC	74 Springs Fireplace Road	Residence	06/17/22	1,500,000
	Walter Donway	Narcizo Villaplana	279 Stephen Hands Path	Residence	09/27/22	1,375,000
	Christina & Wesley Dempsey	Richard & Lee Mohlere	11 Borden Place	Residence	11/09/22	1,370,000
	Marguerite Ventura	Francis & Jane D'Haene	47 Neck Path	Residence	11/23/22	1,300,000
	Vicki L Durand	Nina Fenton	29 Sea Bright Avenue	Residence	10/25/22	1,150,000
	Nexhip Kastrati	Andrew Strong	2 King Street	Residence	11/14/22	995,000
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	298 28th Street LLC	Steven & Heather Krenstsel	1545 The Strand	Residence	11/22/22	2,150,000
	Carol Wirtz	Jenna Esposito	1260 The Crescent	Residence	08/16/22	750,000
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Flanders	Therese Bauer	Ben & Sally Marzouk	85 Fern Avenue	Residence	01/15/23	920,000
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Remsenburg	Jeremiah Collins	La Nua LLC	9 Mill Road	Residence	11/10/22	659,000
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	J Donald Higgins	3rd Street Properties LLC	12 3rd Street	Vacant	11/21/22	249,000
	AFDK 2 LLC	Jeffrey Krevat	21 West Water Street Apt 1E	Condo	12/16/22	3,350,000
	Andrew Caracciolo	Evan Wynn	52 Denise Street	Residence	11/04/22	1,450,000
Southampton	Benoit & Elizabeth Piussan	Brian Thorne	519 Hill Street	Residence	11/17/22	3,500,000
	Donna Johnson	10 N Wooley St LLC	10 North Wooley Street	Residence	12/28/22	2,100,000
	Joseph Giacoia	Enisa Arcila	26 Woodbine Place	Residence	12/01/22	1,299,000
	Marc Curti	Donna Frieze	31 Saint Andrews Circle	Residence	09/27/22	1,175,000
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Honoring the Cover Artist: Joanna L. Steidle



"WHALE SPLASH" BY JOANNA L. STEIDLE

BY DAVID TAYLOR

Our second round of Dan's Papers Photo Contests has come to a close, and that means the winning photographer of each month's contest had a shot at winning the grand prize: a *Dan's Papers* cover of their very own. After careful consideration of the potential cover photos received, our panel of judges saw a clear winner in "Valentine," a gorgeous aerial view of the Elizabeth A. Morton National Wildlife Refuge taken by Hamptons drone photographer Joanna L. Steidle. Here, Steidle discusses her winning shot, drone photography career and accomplishments in the genre.

This week's cover photo is a stunning, rare perspective of the Elizabeth A. Morton National Wildlife Refuge — what inspired you to seek out this unique shot?

In my early years of flying drones, I frequented this location quite often. The Morton Wildlife Ref-

uge, Noyac Golf Club and the Jessup's Neck area is filled with unique aerial perspectives that offer a plethora of abstract possibilities.

Being that this is a wildlife refuge, I always fly as high as possible with low noise props to ensure the least disturbance to the native birds.

I noticed this pond in the middle of the refuge and how it was almost shaped like a heart, the hope was that one day I would get the perfect conditions which would make for a perfect heart. After many stops and flights, one early spring day, the lily pads and grass filled the top right section perfectly. It appeared that the water level went low enough to expose these in the formation I had dreamed about. This has become a common thread in my drone career, revisiting locations until I find the perfect conditions.

What are some of your favorite places or things to photograph on the East End?

The marine life, ocean and action photography

must top my list. After all, we do have some of the most beautiful beaches in the nation. Whales, sharks, rays, dolphins, schools of fish, surfers and boating subjects, which are in constant motion, create flying challenges and eye candy at the same time. This is where I have found my happy place.

Top-down captures have also become a thing for me, and anywhere I can find unique, interesting patterns I get excited. There are tons of backwoods waterways that most people have only seen on a map. These, too, I find quite fascinating.

When did you begin exploring drone photography?

I started flying drones back in 2015. I picked up a small non-automated drone and first learned how to fly manually. Once I graduated to a camera drone in 2016, my life took a drastic turn; a passion was ignited like no other in my life. In 2017, I became the first female to be FAA Certified with a Remote Pilot License on Long Island. This license is required to

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



"RAYS BUNKER" BY JOANNA L. STEIDLE



"POLO LINE" BY JOANNA L. STEIDLE



"PAVING THE WAY" BY JOANNA L. STEIDLE

commercially sell drone photos and videos.

Having grown up in Southampton, I know the local roads and basic sites, but in the air, I was so intrigued by what I found and never knew existed, often right in my own backyard. Some days I feel like a pioneer explorer!

What does your typical process of planning, taking and editing a drone photo look like?

First, every day I check NOTAM, anytime a VIP or national event is scheduled for our area the FAA induces Temporary Flight Restrictions in their Notice to Airmen. TFR's make specific local vicinities temporarily no drone fly zones. I make sure to keep up to date on federal, state, county and town drone regulations. I double check my drones and controllers to ensure I have the most up-to-date firmware. I check the weather, sky coverage, visibility and wind, all of which dictate where I will fly for the day. Next, I check the tides and position of the sun, wave heights and swell direction. Big waves are beautiful, but when there is a northerly wind, you know you're going to get a great spray on the wave tops.

Once on site, I have a strict ground/air safety protocol which includes a drone inspection, aircraft monitoring and an assessment of wildlife and people in the vicinity that must be avoided during flight. Respecting people's privacy is essential in the Drones for Good movement.

If I am flying in a new area, I always take a 360-degree video so I can carefully inspect it at home. This is often when I find hidden little gems in the landscape that I return to capture.

While flying, I look for unusual angles to find just the right composition that fuels emotion. At the same time, I am listening to air traffic and being mindful of possible people, dogs and cars approaching me on the ground.

My editing process is extensive, raw images straight from the drone are often not pretty, so I must have a vision. Each image is treated uniquely, and I often spend weeks or even months editing one piece. It's a process that cannot be rushed.

What's one lesson you've learned about drone photography that you'd like to share with readers interested in getting into it?

There is a considerable learning curve, be patient with yourself. Drone photography has many facets: photography, videography, mapping and FPV (first-person view) flying are just a few. Find what you enjoy the most and focus your energy there, I've seen many local drone startups fail because they tried to "do it all."

The international drone community is very supportive. Find mentors, take tutorials from experts in the field that you admire, and you will be on the right course from the start. I offer private lessons that will cut a beginner's learning curve by six months to a year in just one hour.

What accomplishment as a drone photographer are you most proud of?

It's too hard for me to pick just one, as this past year things severely exploded for me career-wise.

This past January, I received the honor of making the "Global Women to Watch List 2022" by Women and Drones in the visual arts category. I received the award at the CES Convention in Las Vegas. I had the privilege of meeting and standing next to the most innovative women in the drone industry from around the globe! It was tremendously emotional for me knowing I have touched the lives of so many people on an international level.

Every passionate aspiring photographer dreams of being noticed by *National Geographic*. They reached out to me twice last year for video usage and photos which I am super excited about! Stay tuned.

I was also interviewed live on *Fox & Friends* for my viral shark videos — last summer I had 14 viral shark/whale/ray videos, reaching over 65 million

viewers across platforms. That was a wild wave to ride!

In 2022, I was a winner at the Southern California Drone Film Festival, Thunderbird Drone Film Festival, International Photography Awards and placed in the top 40 for the American Photography Award.

What do you find most fulfilling or exciting about being a drone photographer?

The love of my fans and supporters. I am always very touched when people comment or reach out to me expressing how they just can't stop staring at my work, or every morning they get a thrill, hoping I've posted something new. I finally found my true gift in life, and it is an honor and a privilege to make the world a happier place little by little. I often hear from people who have moved out of the area, their correspondence and personal notes of how my work rekindles good memories always touches my heart.

The drone industry is a constantly evolving with much to keep up on including laws, technology, software, et cetera. This keeps me in a never-ending state of learning, which I very much enjoy.

Would you like to share any closing thoughts or additional information?

I most recently have entered the world of FPV drone flights which is super exciting and invigorating. I had the honor of doing indoor/outdoor fly-throughs of the *Techpressionism* exhibit at the Southampton Arts Center, Hildreth's at Christmas, Hank's Pumpkin Town, real estate for Simon Harrison and even a music video! FPV flights give a very different look and feel, almost like you are sitting in a fighter jet. I am vigorously practicing next level maneuvers to bring and even heighten display of our landscape and community.

In the end, I am just a work in progress trying my best to improve, help others and bring the world a never-before-seen view of the beauty of the Hamptons!

To see more of Joanna L. Steidle's drone photography, visit joannasteidle.com.

Love the ties that bind

Victoria SCHNEPS-YUNIS

together."

I was struck by the meaningful words coming from someone so young. What a gift he gave me to share his feelings about family.

Blake is turning 17 and is ready to drive on his own. How quickly kids grow beyond our control! All I can do is pray that he will be safe on his life's journey.

These respites are time away from the complicated thing called life.

Another tie that binds me is my friendship with **Donna Schneier**.

I saw her at the **Boca Raton Museum of Art** to meet her committee for the

Bijoux Contemporary Jewelry Exhibition sale and fundraiser she organizes that brings together dozens of artists from around the world who are jewelry designers.

The exhibit will also feature

The lead of my grandson **Blake Sohmer's** essay about how love binds us all struck a chord with me.

Love takes many forms, and for me it's family ties, work ties and friendship ties. Until I find romantic ties again, these ties are what makes my life meaningful. And this past week, I delighted in experiencing them all.

My children and grandchildren joined me in Florida for a week while school was out, and how great it was to feel their love and share mine with them.

Blake's powerful words in his high school essay were so meaningful because I'm such a believer in bringing family together and its power of bonding.

I was impressed with his writing:

"When we see the people we love happy, we feel a sense of satisfaction and joy sparking a sense of mutual happiness and love."

What also struck me was his reference to our trip to **Spain** last year. "We spent fun-filled days in **Barcelona**, **Madrid** and **Costa Brava** cliff jumping, kayaking and touring together, creating wonderful memories



With Long Island Wilmington Trust's Carly Nathanson and Dan Shaughnessy



At Rocco's Tacos with my grandchildren, except Hudson, who was sick



Iris Apfel will be honored at our March 6 Power List event.

Iris Apfel, the 101-year-old fashion icon, where she will speak and sell her jewelry beginning March 21. Join me and for more details go to bocamuseum.org/visit/events/bijoux-contemporary-2023.

Donna and I had the joy of visiting with Iris, who lives nestled comfortably with all her collections surrounding her in her **Palm Beach** apartment near **The Royal Poinciana Plaza**.

Iris has been named the **Icon of Palm Beach** and will be celebrated at our March 6 **Dan's Papers Palm Beach Power List** event. For more details, visit schnepsmedia.com/events/palm-beach-power-list.

Later in the week, I had breakfast with **Wilmington Trust's** **Dan Shaughnessy** and his colleague **Carly Nathanson**, both also visiting from Long Island. I table hopped from breakfast to lunch, where I joined **Long Island University President Kimberly Cline**, during

which we brainstormed and shared ideas. She had come from **Long Island** to attend a conference in **Wellington**, since LIU started offering degrees in veterinary medicine.

Later in the week, I visited **ConnectOne Bank's** new offices in **West Palm Beach**, meeting **Managing Director of Florida** **Jack Buell** and then having lunch with **Erin Sweeney** and their bank **President Elizabeth Magennis** at **The Ben** hotel's stunning rooftop restaurant that has the best views of



Having fun after dinner at BiCE in Palm Beach.



With Erin Sweeney and ConnectOne Bank President Elizabeth Magennis at The Ben hotel's rooftop restaurant

Palm Beach!

What a special feeling it is bonding with friends in business and life.

To finish off the week, I went to the **Palm Beach Fine Craft Show** and met **Holly Anne Mitchell**, who creates jewelry from recycled newspapers. I couldn't resist the bracelet made of old newspapers!

It was the President's Day holiday week and I was grateful that **Father Alex Karloutsos** from the **Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church** of the **Hamptons** had sent

me **George Washington's "110 Rules of Civility."** It is the code of decency that guided Washington and is a reminder to all of us. Here are two rules Father Alex shared with me that I would like to share with you:

#1: *"Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present."*

#110: *"Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience."*

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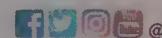
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It's that time once again. Your ballots have been cast and counted, and it's time to unveil the winners of the 2022 Dan's Best of the Best contest.

People who've spent a lifetime, or even one day, on the East End know it's a truly special place with a unique blend of luxury and small-town charm. The villages and hamlets that make up the South Fork, more commonly known as the Hamptons, and North Fork are teeming with top-quality stores to shop, restaurants to indulge in, entertainment to enjoy and professionals to contact for any number of jobs you require. While many East End businesses are amazing in their own right, they can't all be the best, and that's where the Dan's Best of the Best contest comes in.

Debuting in the 1990s, the Dan's Best of the Best contest has, for decades, called upon the insights and opinions of East End visitors, second-home owners and true locals who know the area's businesses, organizations and professionals best. Tens of thousands of votes from these individuals have poured in via DansBOTB.com and now that they've been tallied, we're finally ready to make the big announcement. Included in this Winners Guide are the cream of the crop: the one better-than-the-rest winner, or two in the case of a tie, in each of the contest's 400-plus categories, as voted for by *Dan's Papers* readers like you. Also featured are our Dan's Best of the Best Hall of Fame honorees, who have defied all odds to win the same contest category 10 or more times over the years.

Looking for the best pizza in the Hamptons? The Winners Guide has you covered. Best winery tours on the North Fork? It's in here too, just trust the voters. Best Home & Auto businesses providing services to the East End? Some may be further up-island, but their scores of loyal customers in the Twin Forks area have earned them a place among the winners listed in these pages. One last round of congratulations is in order for the 2022 Dan's Best of the Best contest-winning businesses, organizations and professionals who've proven themselves as the best the Hamptons and North Fork have to offer. The East End wouldn't be the same without them.

For stories and posts about Dan's Best of the Best winners, follow *Dan's Papers* on Facebook, Twitter and at DansPapers.com. For the digital list of 2022 winners, as well as news about the 2023 contest, visit DansBOTB.com.

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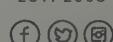


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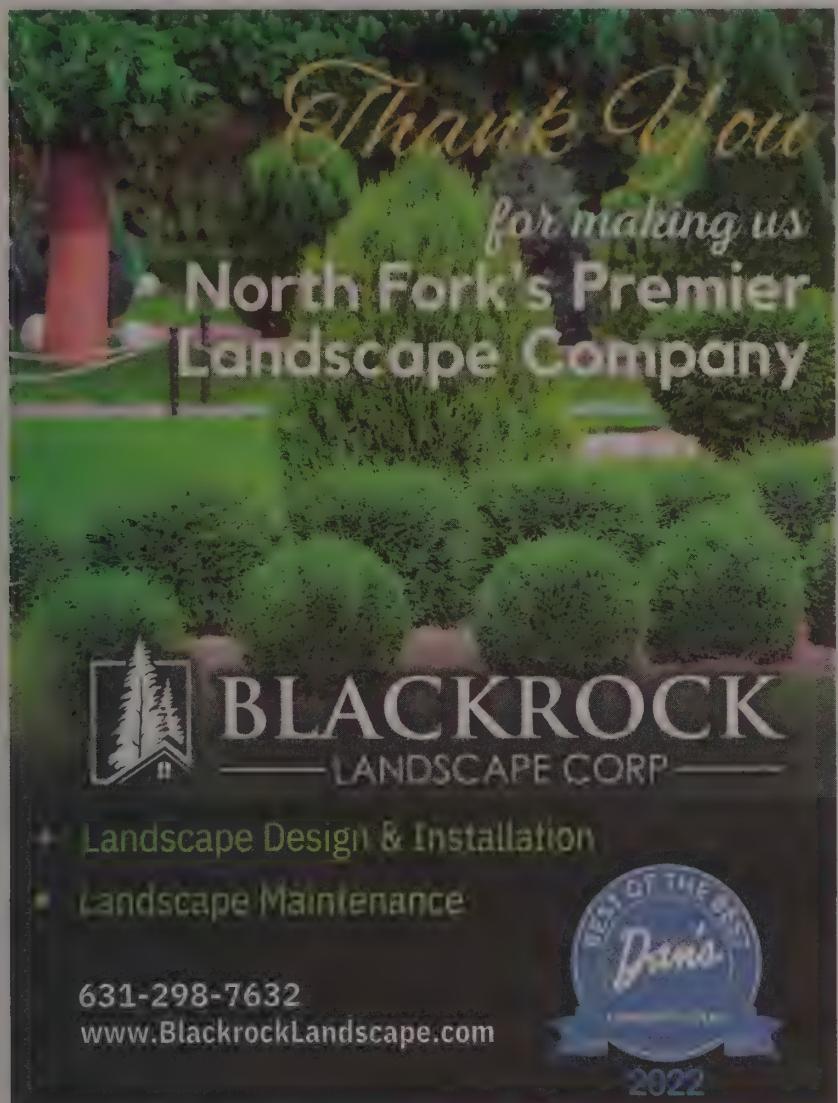
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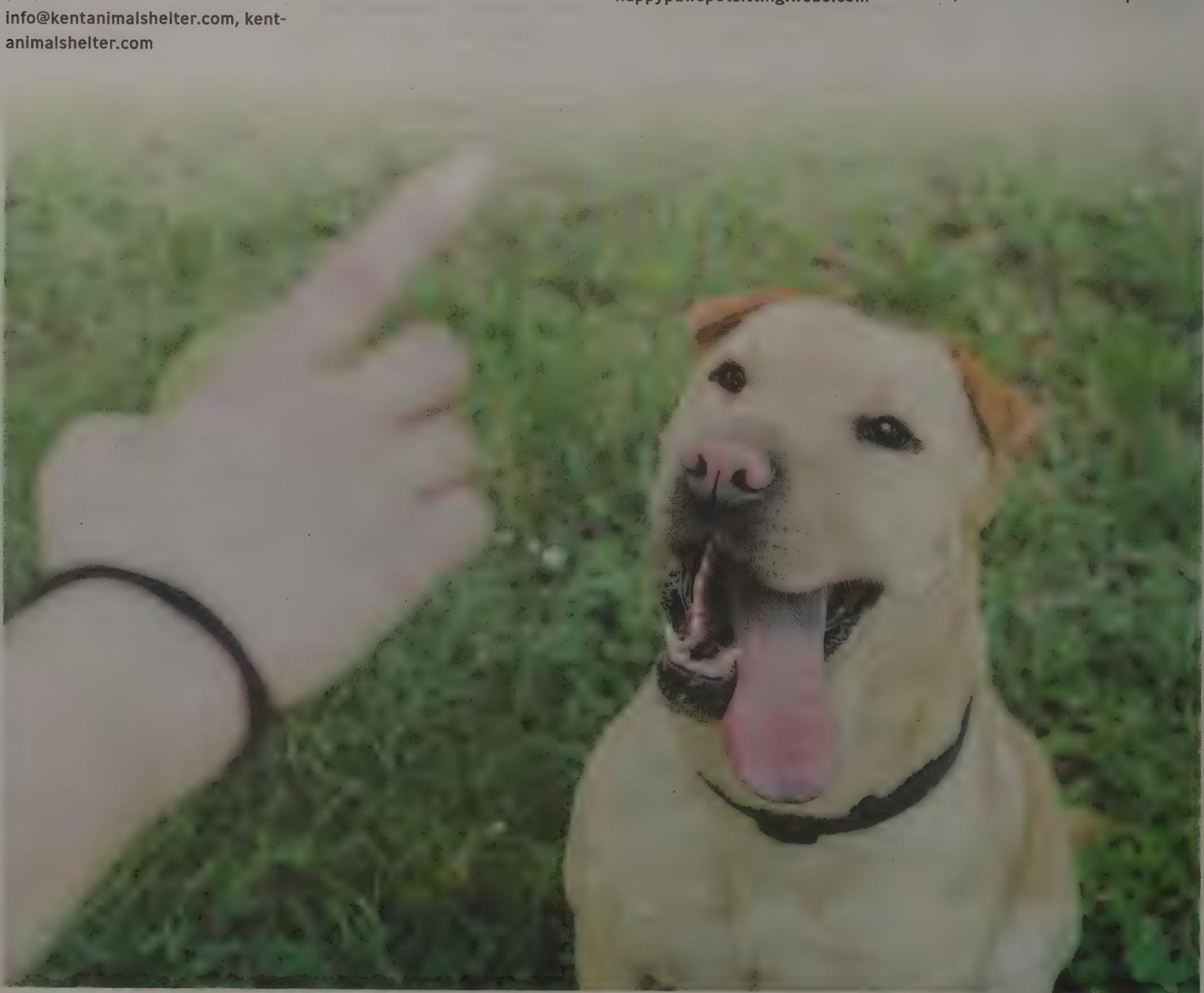
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LIVE SHOWS**FREDERICK MALONEY AT UNION BURGER BAR****FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 5 P.M.**

Head to Union Burger Bar for some delectable bites and live acoustic tunes. The venue is known for its casual vibe, reasonable prices and friendly staff.

40 Bowden Square, Southampton. 631-377-3323, unionburgerbar.com

WINTER BLUES HAPPY HOUR**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6 P.M.**

Chase your chilly blues away with live music by George Howard and specials on beers, drinks and wine by the glass at the Southampton Publick House.

62 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-2800, publick.com

JEFF LEBLANC AT WÖLFFER ESTATE**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 7:30 P.M.**

Enjoy the upbeat acoustic sounds of Jeff LeBlanc while sipping on seasonal pairings and new releases in the cozy tasting room at Wölffer Estate. Reservations are strongly recommended.

139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-5106, wolffer.com

COME BLOW YOUR HORN**FRIDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24-26**

Don't miss your chance to check out one of four different performances of Neil Simon's first Broadway hit. It tells the story of a 30-something bachelor who welcomes his rebellious younger brother into his home. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$35 for students.

25 Pond Lane, Southampton. 631-287-4377, scc-arts.org

FILM FEST:**BROADWAY DANNY ROSE****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 5:30-8 P.M.**

Enjoy this 1984 black-and-white comedy about a theatrical agent who is unwittingly pulled into a love triangle involving the mob. The film is written and directed by Woody Allen. In lieu of admission, bring a potluck dinner that serves 6 and a beverage to share.

90 Quogue Street, Quogue. 631-653-4224, quogue.librarycalendar.com

ALL-STAR COMEDY LIVE ON THE BAY STREET STAGE**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 8 P.M.**

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1 Long Wharf, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0818, baystreet.org

TRANSATLANTIC PIANO DUO**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 3-4 P.M.**

Enjoy a delightful afternoon of music at the Rogers Memorial Library, which will be hosting a piano duo comprised of Evelyn Ulex and Pablo Lavendera. The program will be inspired by dance, tango and Latin influences.

91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-283-0774, rogersmemorial.librarycalendar.com

around Shinnecock Bay. The cost is \$35 per person and you'll need to pre-register. Be sure to dress warmly.

8 Little Neck Road, Southampton. 631-319-6003, cresli.org

ENRICHING PROGRAMS**BROWN BAG LUNCH: AFRICAN VIOLETS****FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

Learn the secrets of nurturing healthy, robust African violets during all seasons with Mary K. Chelton. Bring your lunch and the Westhampton Free Library will provide dessert and coffee.

7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335, westhamptonlibrary.librarymarket.com

VINYASA FLOW WITH PETER AMES**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 10-11:30 A.M.**

Lose weight, reduce stress and improve flexibility with this introductory yoga class at the Hampton Bays Public Library. No registration is required, but a \$15 fee must be paid at the circulation desk. Be sure to dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat or towel.

52 Ponquogue Avenue, Hampton Bays. 631-728-6241, hamptonbays.librarycalendar.com



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102 Old Riverhead Road West, Hampton Bays.

631-728-7387, southamptonanimalshelter.com

LECTURE & MUSICAL DEMONSTRATION WITH PROFESSOR CRAIG BOYD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1-2:30 P.M.

Learn about the history and evolution of the blues, as well as the impact of the blues on other musical genres, during this special event at the East Hampton Library. Register ahead of time online

or by phone.

159 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0222, easthamptonlibrary.org

BOOK & AUTHOR EVENT: SIN CITY GANGSTERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1-2:30

Don't miss this discussion with author Jeffrey Sussman, who uncovers how the most powerful mobsters in the world gained control over gambling casinos and influential politicians. Admission is free.

201 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0049, johnjermain.org

BLACK JOY WITH BRENDA SIMMONS VIA ZOOM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Don't miss this enlightening virtual event about how small, intentional acts of kindness can impact future generations. Brenda Simmons is the founder of the Southampton African American Museum.

2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015, myhamptonlibrary.org

MOLLY HASKELL, AUTHOR & FILM CRITIC PRESENTS: THE OSCARS

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 7 P.M.

Don't miss this exciting virtual event with a well-known voice in film criticism about one of the most meaningful nights of the year for movie lovers. Register ahead of time for Zoom info.

871 Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-3377, montauklibrary.org/calendar

ART EXHIBITIONS

KAHLO: AN EXPANDED BODY ON VIEW THROUGH APRIL 2

Take in this groundbreaking exhibit at the Parrish Art Museum featuring more than 100 objects that shed light on the life of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, including photographs, personal letters and postcards. The museum is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118, parrishart.org

EAST END COLLECTED7

ON VIEW THROUGH APRIL 29

Don't miss this exciting exhibition celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Southampton Arts Center. The work of various artists reflects the East End vision of artist and curator Paton Miller.

25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-

0967, southamptonartscenter.org

RETURN TO A PLACE BY THE SEA

ON VIEW THROUGH MAY 27

Don't miss this unique exhibit revisiting the 1999 exhibit celebrating the work and friendship of four African American artists. It will explore their more recent work and deepen cultural understanding.

48 Madison Street, Sag Harbor. 631-919-5342, thechurchsagharbor.org

LESLIE HEWITT AT DIA BRIDGEHAMPTON

ON VIEW THROUGH JUNE 4

Enjoy Leslie Hewitt's imaginative approach to art and sculpture that explores ideas of light, sound and inertia. The museum is open Friday-Sunday from 12-6 p.m.

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LIVE SHOWS

B STREET BAND

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 8 P.M.

Rock on over to The Suffolk, where you can enjoy a live Springsteen tribute band while sampling options like a full bar, small plates and desserts. Tickets are \$39-\$55.

118 Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343, suffolktheater.com

STEREOMATIC BAND AT GREENPORT HARBOR BREWING COMPANY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 3-6 P.M.

If you love alternative rock and new wave, you won't want to miss this cover band at one of the East End's most bustling venues. Meanwhile, enjoy seasonal ales and IPAs that celebrate the flavor of the North Fork.

42155 Main Road, Peconic. 631-477-1100, greenportharborbrewing.com

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

BEACH MONITORING/CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 10 A.M.

Learn about marine conservation and local sea life at Hallock State Park Preserve. You will need to bring your own gloves. Pre-registration is suggested in the event that the walk needs to be canceled due to inclement weather.

6062 Sound Avenue, Northville. 631-315-5475, parks.ny.gov/parks/hallock

ENRICHING PROGRAMS

WINEMAKER DINNER AT THE COTTAGE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6-8:30 P.M.

Enjoy this cozy dinner with winemaker Rich Olsen-Harbich which includes a four-course meal prepared by Lauren Lombardi. You'll learn about sustainable farming practices and wine-making philosophy while enjoying a hand-picked Bedell wine with each course. Reservations are required and tickets are non-refundable.

45470 Main Road, Southold. 631-734-7537, bedellcellars.com

ACOUSTIC JAM SESSIONS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6-7:30 P.M.

If you play an instrument or just love to tap your feet along with some tunes, head on over to the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library, where musicians of every level are welcome to perform.



GRAB AN ALE OR IPA AND ENJOY LIVE MUSIC IN GREENPORT THIS WEEKEND.

27550 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-6360, cutchogue.librarycalendar.com

SUNDAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

If you're looking for somewhere to enjoy a lovely winter brunch, head on over to Sannino Vineyards, where you'll get a breakfast pizza and two mimosas for \$40. The full menu will be available all day if you're in the mood for additional snacks and wine flights.

15975 County Road 48, Cutchogue. 631-734-8282, sanninovineyard.com

SEA GLASS WINE CHARM WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1-3 P.M.

Head on over to Pindar Vineyards to make your own wine charm while socializing and sipping on some bubbly. Your ticket includes a kit with crafting tools, wire, real Long Island sea glass, four rings and charms.

37645 Main Road, Peconic. 631-734-6200, pindar.net

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DRIED FLOWERS & BUBBLY WITH NORTH FORK FLOWER FARM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2 P.M.

Meet at the Rose Hill Vineyard to learn to create a beautiful dried floral arrangement. Your \$65 ticket includes a glass of wine, light bites and a bouquet to take home.

2000 Oregon Road, Mattituck. 631-804-0367, rosehill-vineyards.com

AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES WITH LESLIE GODDARD

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 7-8 P.M.

Don't miss this virtual event exploring the role of the First Lady, which comes with no pay or written requirements but has bestowed memorable women with influence and public criticism. Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. will discuss the lives of those First Ladies who have ranked highest and lowest with most historians.

13900 Main Road, Mattituck. 631-298-4134, mattitucklaurel.librarycalendar.com

ART EXHIBITIONS

HORIZON

ON VIEW THROUGH MARCH 4

Don't miss this unique winter exhibition at East End Arts in which local artists explore the themes of depth and space through the horizontal line. This is not a landscapes show and various mediums will be utilized.

133 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-0900, eastendarts.org

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WITH THE KIDS

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TOP 5 KIDS EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER: DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP BRUNCH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Your kiddo in grades K-6 can drop off their stuffed animal in the Children's Activity Room of the Quogue Library by 5 on Friday, February 24. On Saturday, they can pick up their fuzzy friend, enjoy a yummy brunch and see pictures of what the animals were doing in the library after dark. Registration is required.

90 Quogue Street, Quogue. 631-653-4224, quogue.librarycalendar.com

STEM: APOLLO 13 MISSION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Your little astronaut in grades 2-4 can rocket on over to the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library, where they will help design an air filter to help them survive a "space mission." The project is based on the events of the actual Apollo 13 experience.

2750 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-6360, cutchogue.librarycalendar.com

CHOCOLATE MAKING CLASS, DINNER & A MOVIE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 4:30-7:30 P.M.

Your little chef in grades 5-8 won't want to miss this sweet class presented by the North Fork Chocolate Company at the Flanders Youth Center. Dinner and a movie will follow. Tickets are \$10 and pre-registration is required.

655 Flanders Road, Flanders. 631-702-2425, southamptontownny.gov

SEA STAR SENSATION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 10:30 A.M.

Your little explorers ages 5 and over won't want to miss this exciting program, where they'll learn about different types of sea stars as well as their anatomy. They will also create their own paper mache sea star to take home.

377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735, sofo.org

STARBURST WALL ART

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 4-5 P.M.

Take your creative teen in grades 6-12



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TELL YOUR CHILD TO GRAB THEIR FAVORITE PLUSHIES AND GET READY FOR A FUN NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY!

over to the Rogers Memorial Library, where they will put together a festive decoration using up-cycled books and magazines to take home.

91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-283-0774, rogersmemorial.librarycalendar.com

FAMILY FUN ATTRACTIONS ON THE EAST END

THE ALL-STAR

Your kiddos won't want to miss Hyperbowling, a mix of electronics, lights and sensors at the All-Star. There are also plenty of burgers, salads and pizza when they are ready for a break.

96 Main Road, Riverhead. 631-998-4232, theallstargrill.com

BRIDGEHAMPTON CANDY KITCHEN

Don't miss this family-style diner that big and little kids go candy crazy for. The menu includes eggs, triple-decker sandwiches and burgers, as well as old-fashioned treats like ice cream sodas, malts and sundaes.

2391 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9885

BUCKSKILL WINTER CLUB

Get your little skaters out and about at Buckskill, where they can enjoy public ice skating, lessons, hockey and teen nights. Tickets are available by the session or in packets of 5 or 10 sessions for

adults or children. Rent your skates or bring along your favorite pair.

178 Buckskill Road, East Hampton. 631-324-2243, buckskillwinterclub.com

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE EAST END

Learn about ships, windmills and creating a farm at this favorite East End children's destination. Mini golf is free with admission!

376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250, cmee.org

EGG NEW YORK

If you and your stylish little one like to shop, stroll over to EGG in Southampton, where you'll enjoy plenty of sweet and comfy clothing items and gifts.

63 Main Street, Southampton. eggnewyork.com

GAC ROLLER SKATING RINK

If your little skater loves to get around on four wheels, take them over to the Greenport American Legion, where skating is available for all ages on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons during the winter. Rent your skates on-site or bring your own wheels.

102 3rd Street, Greenport. greenportamericanlegion.org

GREENPORT CAROUSEL

Get your little ones out and about at one of the Hamptons' famous attractions.

The carousel is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. during the winter season. The cost is \$2.50 for a single ride.

115 Front Street, Greenport. 631-477-0172, villageofgreenport.org

EAST END SEAPORT MUSEUM

Your nautical little one can visit the East End Seaport Museum in Greenport on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. during the winter season. Exhibits, lighthouse lenses and a children's room are all part of the fun.

103 3rd Street, Greenport. 631-477-2100, eastendseaport.org

HAMPTON COFFEE COMPANY

Parents who love a good latte don't need to be shy about taking their kiddos to Hampton Coffee Company, where there's a fresh smoothie bar and real hot cocoa. The Water Mill location also offers a menu that includes pancakes, waffles and a gourmet burger bar.

869 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-726-2633, hamptoncoffeecompany.com

SPORTIME AMAGANSETT

If your youngster likes to get moving, take them to Sportime, where an indoor ice rink, inline skating, basketball court and indoor swimming pool are all part of the active fun.

385 Abrahams Park, East Hampton. 631-267-3460, sportimeny.com/amagansett-multi-sport

FOOD & DRINK

Origen Vodka Tasting, Love Bites & More

BY HARRY POWERS

Sen Restaurant in Sag Harbor will host a spirit (and spirited) dinner on Sunday, March 12 at 6 p.m. featuring the world's first superfood spirit: Origen Vodka. Infused with a proprietary natural blend of elderberry, artichoke, muscadine grape and green tea, Origen is 100% plant-based and scientifically developed to harness the functionality associated with these ingredients. The dinner will feature six courses, and each serving will be paired with an Origen cocktail.

"At Origen Holistic Spirits we have a slogan we live by: 'Be a genius at the art of living,'" shares Origen founder Amy Holmwood. "Sen's elevated Japanese cuisine and Origen cocktail pairing menu nails our philosophy."

The cost of the dinner is \$85 per person plus tax and gratuity. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling the restaurant or emailing info@senrestaurant.com. Menu highlights include grilled artichokes with yuzu koshu remoulade, pickled arctic char in a wasabi apple broth and for the sixth course aka dessert, kuzukir: (jelly noodles) with Origen Vodka macerated fruit and sorbet.

Sen will also be serving oodles of noodles on Sunday, February 26. At their Endless Ramen Fest, you are invited to enjoy a three-course dinner of the Japanese noodle dish. Cost is \$50, plus tax and gratuity, and includes edamame, one appetizer, all-you-can-eat ramen, and a beverage choice of wine, beer, sake or soda. Reservations aren't required and the deal will be offered from 4-9 p.m.

Ruby Murray's — the slow-cooked Indian food, British-style kitchen in Southampton — wisely observes on their website that while every U.K. town has at least five Indian restaurants, most towns in the U.S. boast none. They are dedicated to changing this depressing fact, starting with Southampton's second Indian eatery. Ruby's recipes, which are adopted from ones brought over from India to the U.K. in the 1950s and '60s, are beyond compare.

Favorites include the chickpea tikka masala, butter chicken, vegetable pakora, lamb saag and rogan josh, which is a boneless leg of lamb mashed in yogurt, spices and chili. Ruby Murray's delivers anywhere between Hampton Bays to East Hampton and up to Sag



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Harbor, Friday to Sunday nights at specific times listed on their website. We strongly recommend ordering in advance, as Ruby Murray's rightly has a dedicated following!

And did you know that the word "ruby" is Cockney rhyming slang for "curry?" The phrase "going to have a ruby," is quite common throughout the U.K.

The annual Love Bites tasting event benefiting **Katy's Courage** will take place Saturday, March 4 from 7-10 p.m. at **The Clubhouse**. More than 20 of the Hamptons' top chefs are providing eats for the event, including Events by Peter Ambrose, Golden Pear Cafe,

Art of Eating, Jerri's Cakes, Dreesen's Donuts, Bell & Anchor, Union Burger Bar, Union Sushi & Steak, Maverick, South Fork Bakery, Hampton Coffee Company, Pig Beach and Sen Restaurant.

Katy's Courage is a nonprofit that honors Katy Stewart, an inspirational 12-year-old girl who died from a rare form of pediatric liver cancer. The organization is dedicated to supporting education, children's bereavement support and pediatric cancer research. Tickets for Love Bites cost \$100 for one or \$150 for two and can be purchased online or through Venmo via @katyscourage.

Did You Know?

The **Preston House** in Riverhead offers a weekly trivia night every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. While being peppered with questions, patrons may indulge in the various food and drink promotions, including \$1.50 oysters, \$20 burger and brew, and bottled wine specials.

That **Inlet Seafood** on East Lake Drive in Montauk recently reopened. Owned by six local fishermen, Inlet Seafood offers stunning panoramic views of the Block Island Sound, especially great at sunset. They are serving lunch and dinner Friday through Monday for now, with daily service resuming Memorial Day Weekend.

Although fondue was invented in Switzerland in the '30s, it was popularized in North America in the 1960s.

Bedell Cellars in Cutchogue is giving us an offer we can't refuse: fondue by the fireplace with home-made fondue by local frommagier Michael Affatato of the Village Cheese Shop. Each serving is \$10 and seating is first come, first serve on Saturday, February 25 from noon-4 p.m. Bedell's insulated igloos also allow you to enjoy the beauty of their vineyard no matter the winter weather!

Bits & Bites:

Have you had the chance to try **Doubles** in Amagansett yet? The Caribbean-inspired eatery was opened by local brothers Daniel and Evan Bennett last year and occupies the building where Hampton Chutney used to be on the corner of Amagansett Square. Doubles recently reopened for their sophomore campaign and announced a new vegetable special for the winter, which will change weekly but always feature jasmine rice, a small soup, a half roti skin and side salad. We also recommend their chicken pozole and red lentil soup.

Expensive does not always mean better. **Park Place Wine and Liquors** in East Hampton is putting that to the test during their blind tasting challenge on March 2, where the store's experts will see if they can tell the difference between Park Place's high-end wines vs the more affordable bottles. It costs \$50 and spots can be reserved on the store's website.

Food Quote

"You can't just eat good food. You've got to talk about it too. And you've got to talk about it to somebody who understands that kind of food." —Kurt Vonnegut

Cocktail Recipe: Co-Co Nutz

When life gives you a lime, go ahead and make Almond Restaurant & Bar's delicious Co-Co Nutz rum cocktail, courtesy of mixologist Harryson Gallegos.

Ingredients:

Diplomatico Spiced Rum
1 oz. Disaronno Amaretto
1 oz. Coconut Bacardi
1/4 oz. lime juice
1/4 oz. simple syrup

For garnish:

Simple syrup
Crushed graham crackers

Instructions:

1. In cocktail shaker add all ingredients over ice and shake until very cold.
2. Dip martini glass rim in simple syrup and then crushed graham crackers.
3. Strain cocktail into glass and top with additional crushed graham crackers.

This recipe comes to us courtesy of Almond in Bridgehampton. Visit them at almondrestaurant.com for more information and to see what other cocktails they have concocted.



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10 tips for Maintaining a Wood-Burning Fireplace

The fireplace is the focal point of many homes. Consider these best practices for fireplace maintenance.

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Issues like carbon monoxide poisoning or smoke in the house could arise when you have a clogged chimney.

Remove Soot, Creosote

Both of these residues have to be removed professionally, if necessary, to prevent it from blocking airflow.

Check The Chimney

Whether you have a masonry or metal chimney, it is vital that you regularly check it for any cracks, dents, or rust, as they could be signs of a bigger problem.

Use The Proper Wood

Generally, wood should be dried for 6-12 months before they're good for burning in the hearth. To make them dry faster, it's best to split logs into small pieces of wood.

Test Before Using

Just light up a few pieces of wood first and check if the smoke is released through the

chimney. If it enters the room, troubleshoot and correct the problem first before loading up lots of wood.

Install a Blower and Heat Proof Glass Door

The glass door will not only prevent sparks and embers from tumbling out from the hearth into the room. A fan or blower installed will help circulate the heat.

Troubleshoot and Correct Problems

For example, white stains in the bricks of the chimney can be a sign of too much moisture due to leakage.

Consider Safety Precautions

Keep combustible carpets or furniture as far away from the hearth as possible, make sure you're using the proper tools to clean the fireplace, and never leave a fire unattended.

Hire a Professional Chimney Sweep

Have a certified chimney sweep inspect it at least once a year or more frequently.

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Taste the Greats Lineup Heats Up Ahead of March 2 Food Fest

Sizzling stars of Long Island's dining scene are continuing to be added to the menu of top chefs that foodies can meet and greet during Taste the Greats on March 2.

Taste the Greats, the Long Island food and drink event of the year, features more than 20 of the greatest restaurants on Long Island serving up their signature dishes. The event will be held at the elegant The Mansion at Oyster Bay.

"We are thrilled to bring together extraordinary chefs and restaurants to connect with those who appreciate the best in food and dining. Our hope is that those who attend the event have a fantastic evening, make wonderful memories and walk away with a list of new favorite restaurants," says Elizabeth Aloni, Schneps Media SVP of NYC Community Media and Events.

Taste the Greats is hosted by Schneps Media, the parent company of *Dan's Papers*, the *Long Island Press* and dozens of other publications across New York, Philadelphia and Florida.

The latest additions to the growing list of participating establishments are Pecado, the hot new Mexican restaurant in Bay Shore, as well as vint-

ners from Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard and McCall Wines.

Previously announced participating culinary artists are chefs from:

Good Ground Tavern at Canoe Place Inn in Hampton Bays, 317 Main Street/Vico in Farmingdale, Mirabelle Restaurant & Tavern in Stony Brook, Juniper in Westbury, Spuntino in Garden City, Avo Taco in New Hyde Park, Arlo Kitchen & Bar in Northport, Mansion at Oyster Bay in Woodbury, Anchor Down in Seaford and Merrick, Braun's Kitchen in Cutchogue, Ruta Oaxaca in Patchogue, La Factoria de Empanadas, Spiro's in Rocky Point, Ice Cream Social in Commack and Greenlawn, Noema in Huntington, R.AIRE in Hampton Bays, Orwashers in Roslyn, View in Oakdale, Chocology in Stony Brook, Farmingdale-based Marc Bynum Concepts, Gurney's in Montauk, Tashana's Kitchen in Patchogue, The Pudding Lady in Bohemia and the 2 Happy Hippies.

The evening also features adult beverages from Tito's cocktails, Truly Hard Seltzer and brews from Coney Island Brewing Company, Sam Adams, Dogfish Head, Blue Moon and Corona,



EVENT WILL FEATURE TOP CHEFS' SIGNATURE DISHES.

among many more flowing libations.

DJ Ethan will be spinning tunes for the main event, which goes from 7-9 p.m., and then will take it up a notch for the VIP afterparty, from 9-10 p.m., when guests will enjoy special fun eats and cocktails. VIPs also enjoy an exclusive lounge throughout the evening.

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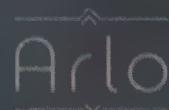
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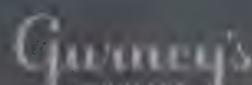
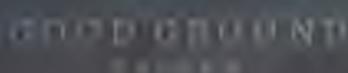
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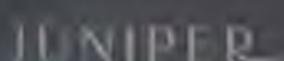
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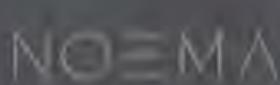
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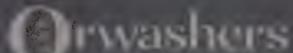
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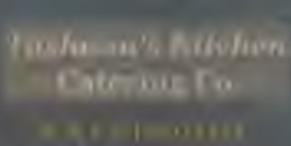
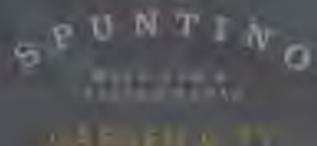
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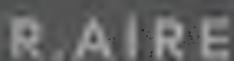
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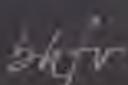


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Something to Wine About: Juliet 2021 Pinot Noir

BY LINDA DELMONICO
PRUSSEN

For something a bit different to welcome spring, pinot noir lovers may want to try the Juliet 2021 Pinot Noir. Juliet is considered a luxury boxed wine brand. This may sound like a bit of an oxymoron since boxed wines aren't often viewed as luxury.

The "box" really isn't box-shaped at all, and the beautiful packaging will look absolutely lovely on your Easter table or on your table during a bridal shower or any spring celebrations. Juliet holds two regular-sized bottles of wine, and the wine stays fresh for up to six weeks after opening.

This is a huge plus because aside from parties, this is a great purchase for the wine drinker who may want to open, but not finish, a bottle with the usual two or three days. This is when

wine in glass bottles may start to lose a bit of their flavor.

The cost is \$46. While that isn't the bargain price most expect from a boxed wine brand, after sampling both the rose and pinot noir versions of this California wine, you can rest assured the price for the pinot noir is well worth it. While the aromatics, or nose, on this wine are notably muted, the rich and bright flavors explode on the palate.

There are ripe and fresh flavors of raspberry, and cherry, and light notes of baking spice. And the mouth feel on this medium bodied wine is smooth. For a regular bottle of \$23 pinot noir, this wine definitely drinks at, or above, its price point.

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Shinnecock Voices: The Rebirth of Tradition – Shinnecock Indigenous Doulas Help Educate New Generations

BY ALLI JOSEPH

All Ahna Red Fox of the Shinnecock Nation wanted when she was pregnant with her first child was to choose her own birth journey, and she was on her way to doing so up until she went into labor. Red Fox, who grew up on Shinnecock Territory, graduated from Southampton High School in 2014 and Cazenovia College in 2014, majoring in Inclusive Early Childhood Education. She returned home to have her first child soon after.

Red Fox had a physically uncomplicated pregnancy, but, she says, "not so much emotionally, mentally and spiritually. A lot unraveled during my first and second trimesters." She felt lucky to have had a great support system through family and friends, and she kept herself active and healthy. She wanted to explore options for a home/water birth, but was encouraged to have a hospital birth instead, because it was deemed "safer" for herself and her baby, had there been any complications.

Unfortunately, she had a traumatic labor and delivery in the hospital, and hemorrhaged on the delivery table. "In later years of researching and becoming intrigued by birth workers, midwives and their works, I found out that this is actually common in Black and Indigenous women's birth stories," says Red Fox.

"Not much history is written on birth teachings, due to the colonization and westernization of such birth knowledge and teachings," says Red Fox. She described Indigenous people honoring and celebrating birth by feeding the birthing person wholesome meals that contributed towards nourishing families and babies through pregnancy and throughout postpartum. Birth was – and in her world still is – a community event, and everyone had a part in it. Grandmothers were midwives and aunties were doulas (training to someday take over the place of the grandmothers/midwives).

In 2018, determined to help change birth experiences for other women, Red Fox discovered a "Full Spectrum Indigenous Doula" training in Winnipeg, Manitoba (Canada) hosted by Zaagi'idiwin – a non-profit organization led by an Indigenous midwife and doula. Red Fox returned home inspired to start her own birth work company, and later crowd-fundraised to fund her education, returning to Shinnecock in January of 2019 as a trained Full Spectrum Indigenous Birth Worker. "I started serving my community in May of 2019, and haven't stopped since," she says. Thus far, she's attended four births of Indigenous mothers and families.

Though Red Fox experienced great darkness during her first birth, she feels it's important to relive and share her story in order to help others. "It's been

an inspiration for me to speak my truth, educate and bring awareness to the importance of knowing your birth options and rights, give tools and resources to be strong minded in decisions, most importantly – the consideration in the fact that we've been birthing our own bodies for thousands of years before modern medicine made its mark on us," she says.

Now a mother of two, she's been able to have a redeeming experience of a home birth attended by her fellow Shinnecock birth-worker and relative, Amira Nation. "I had a healing home-lodge birth in 2021 on my maternal grandmother's land, Shinnecock Territory," Red Fox says.

"Historically," she shares, "the women in our ancestral villages were the lifegivers, the nourishers, and they carried the knowledge of traditional birth teachings and practices. Shinnecock is so far removed from our ancestral birth teachings, that my fellow birth worker Amira Nation and I have been doing the footwork of returning to the roots (origins), reconnecting, reclaiming and bringing birth home to the people and land."

A board member of East End Birth Network and Indigenous Doula Representative for the Suffolk County Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Task Force, Red Fox is also working on raising funds to open a birthing center on the Shinnecock Reservation. "My knowledge supports the task force in multiple ways," says Red Fox "the most important being that maternal healthcare on Shinnecock Nation is almost non-existent, underreported and underrepresented when it comes to maternal mortality, morbidity rates and the healthcare relating to it."

East End Birth Network provides free services, inclusive of non-native and BIPOC women, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Priority goes to those residing in the townships of: Riverhead, Southold, Southampton, East Hampton and Shelter Island.

Red Fox and Nation have also built the Neetuonk Garden Project and Traditional Meal Train, which feed Indigenous birthing people and their families from the 13 original Tribes of Long Island. Neetuonk Garden Project is an initiative to return traditional fruits, vegetables, and herbs to our original land, Red Fox reports, while nourishing the birthing people and families of Shinnecock. To bolster their growing offering, Wutnahminneoh Birth Work is currently accepting donations of Long Island Native plants, herbs, as well as other varieties of food and plant medicine.

"We're bringing forth this initiative to practice food sovereignty and full-body nourishment," says Red Fox. "These pre-made meals are rooted in ancestral knowledge (from all Tribal Nations) and foodways, with a twist of contemporary. Our hope is to honor food along with creating and carrying new life



AHNA RED FOX AT STORK CO-OP POP-UP



AHNA RED FOX AND AMIRA NATION

(pregnancy) and beyond."

People can follow Red Fox's work on Instagram at @heartberry.bw, and learn more about her ongoing projects on her website, heartberrybw.com, or reach out to her via email at heartberrybw@gmail.com.

Alli Joseph is a journalist, producer and member of the Shinnecock Indian Nation.

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be recognized include best big dog; best small dog; most adorable puppy; prettiest cat eyes and face; furriest or fluffiest kitty; and funniest pose or "derpiest" behavior.

To enter, visit PetProsNY.com and upload a photo of your furry friend from your phone, laptop or tablet now through February 26.

You can also view other participants on PetProsNY.com and vote for your favorites between March 2–19. Cast a vote every day if you'd like; all pets are searchable by name, and there will be many great pets to choose from!

The contest winners will be announced on March 23, and their photos will be featured in print and online. What's more, the owners of the eight lucky winners will each receive a \$50 gift card.

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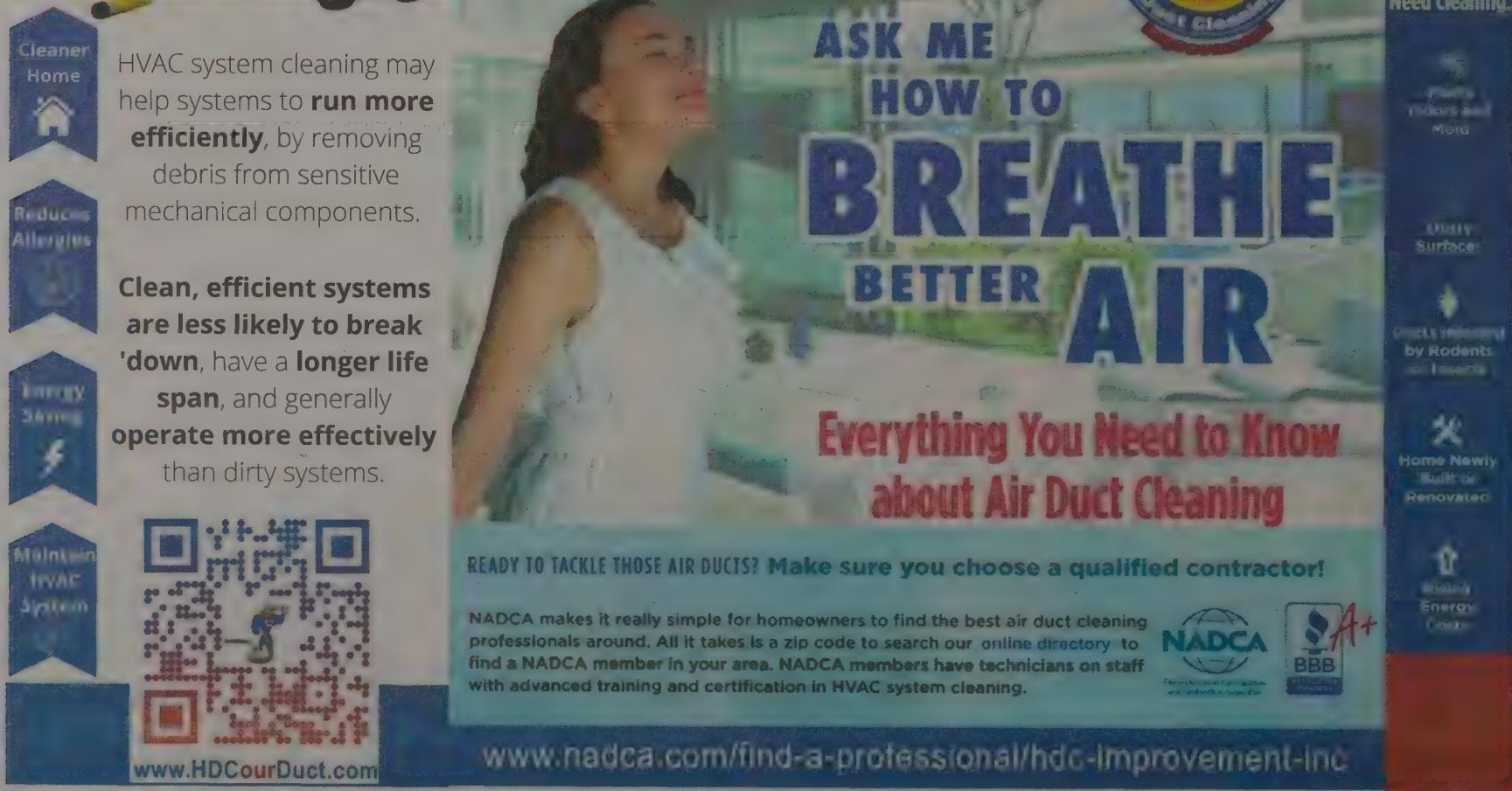
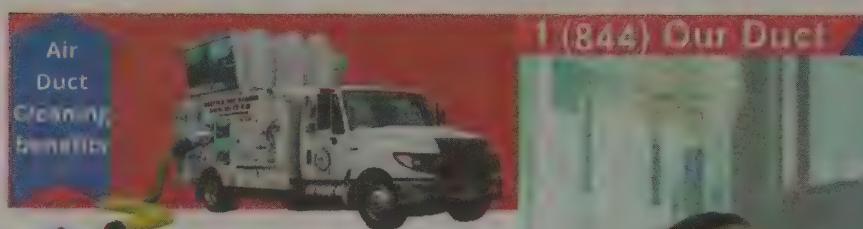
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OBITUARY

Former Theater Owner Georgia H. Griffis of Shelter Island, Wellington

Georgia H. Griffis, of Shelter Island, died peacefully in her home in Wellington, Florida on January 24.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, in September 1932 to Arthur Hester of Warren, Arkansas, and Lois Hester of Poughkeepsie, New York, she was 90 years old when she died. Her loving husband Roderick Lynn Griffis survives along with her three children: Ian, Melora and Kate, seven grandchildren and a great grandchild.

She was raised in Glenview, Illinois, and developed an early talent for acting, performing radio drama in Chicago. She attended Lawrence University in Wisconsin and was later admitted to the Yale University drama school on a full scholarship but chose to study acting with Sydney Pollack and Charles Conrad in New York City instead.

She met her husband in drama class when they were paired as acting partners.

They were best friends for three years until a scripted first kiss that was part of a scene changed everything. The young couple acted in Sarasota, Florida, NYC, Hollywood, Provincetown, Massachusetts, and then moved to Buffalo, New York, where they purchased the Studio Theatre School and formed the Courtyard Theater.

Following the sale of the theater to the University of Buffalo, Georgia and Rod Griffis moved their family to Montclair, New Jersey, where Georgia became head of the drama department at the Morristown Beard School and got her masters in theater and education from NYU. She performed in several plays with The Whole Theatre Company, with Olympia Dukakis.

In 1989 Georgia and Rod Griffis moved to Shelter Island, sailing their 32-foot sailboat from Lake Erie, in Canada, through the Erie Canal to the

Hudson River, south around Manhattan Island and up the East River to the Long Island Sound. They dropped anchor and lived on the boat for several weeks until their house closing.

Griffis has been a vital member of St. Mary's Church, serving on the vestry and taking part in major events as well as bringing the Alpha program to the church and several theater performances to services over the years. The couple also supported the Friends of Music, the Shelter Island Library and the building of the town playground.

The couple was known for their enormous love for each other. They were happily together for 67 years, sharing their love of the arts, sailing, good conversation, beautiful meals with family and friends and their strong faith in God. Griffis was also well known for her photographic memory and ability to recite lyrics, sonnets and



GEORGIA H. GRIFFIS

poetry. Her stories were filled with accurate details, colorful memories and humor.

Griffis will be sorely missed by her family, extended family and many friends.

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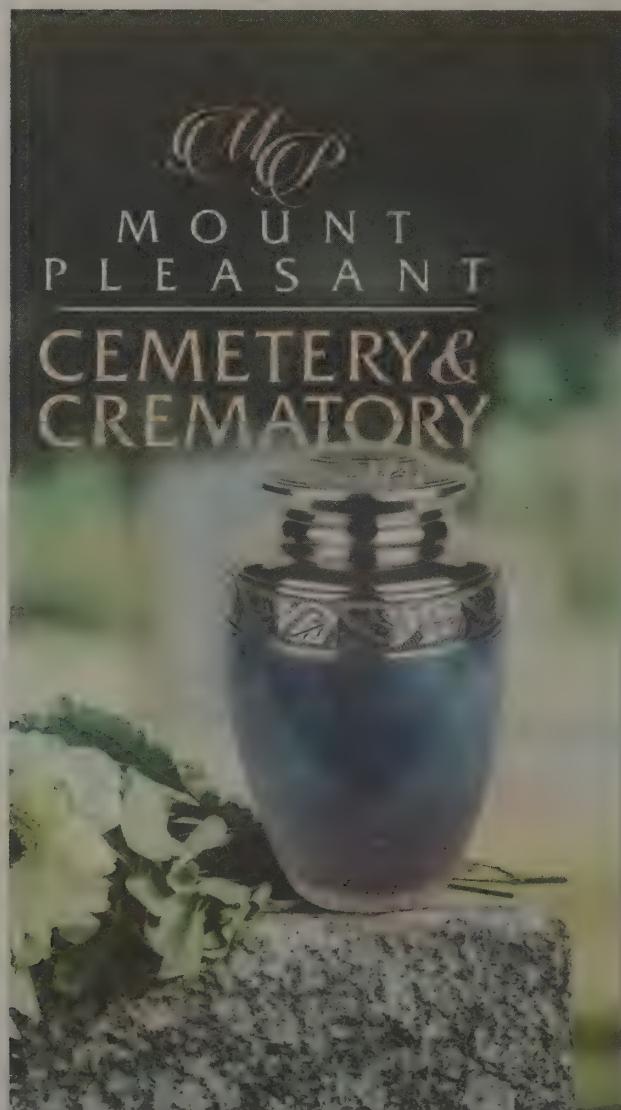
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Manicured landscapes, updated windows and doors and well-lit landscapes can improve the value of a home and ensure it sells quickly and above market rate. When homeowners assess items they may want to change, shutters can be an area of consideration. Shutters can help windows look a little less plain. In most modern residential properties, shutters are purely decorative. However, their roots lie in home protection.

Originally, shutters were used in lieu of windows so they were the only way to safeguard a home's interior from

the elements. Some shutters still offer that protection, but those typically are installed on homes in hurricane-prone areas. Shutters lend a distinctive look to a home, and they come in various styles.

LOUVERED

A louvered shutter features several wood slats that overlap each other on the same frame. A typical louvered shutter features two sets of slats separated by a center rail. Some functional louvered shutters are operational, meaning the slats can be tilted to allow air to flow through. But this is something typically reserved for indoor shutters. Decorative ones have fixed slats.

PANEL

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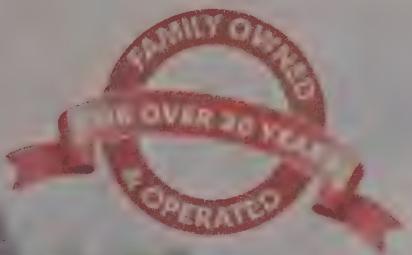
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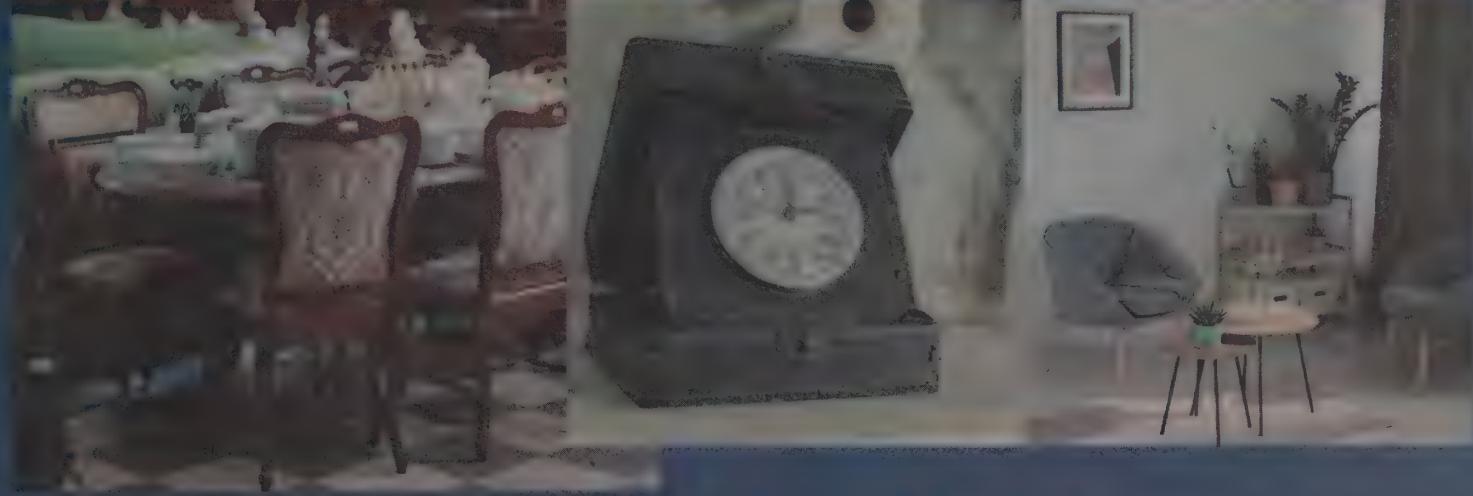


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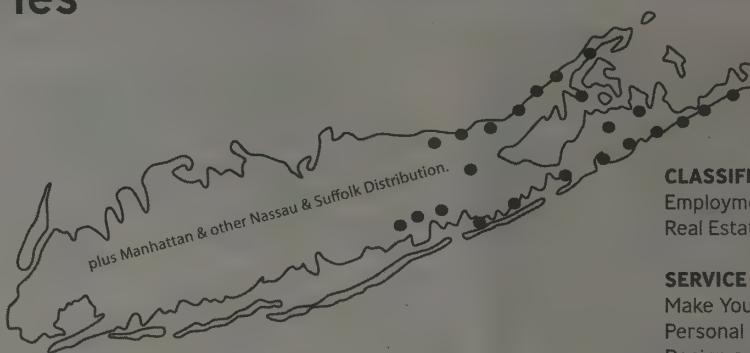
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The Art of Design: Scott Sanders and His Big Reveal

BY TODD SHAPIRO

The reveal is always the best part. After months of work and consultation, Scott Sanders pulls the curtain back on what he has done as an interior designer. The work is transformative and inspiring for both Sanders and his clients, and the many days and nights working toward making their collective vision a reality comes to an end with the reveal.

"I've had many clients be reduced to tears," Sanders says.

One client said it best after he and his wife first saw the work that Sanders had done to their home. Walking into the bedroom, he turned to Sanders and said, "It will be very hard not to be happy in a room this beautiful."

Scott Sanders is the owner and principal designer of Scott Sanders LLC, a full-service design firm specializing in bespoke interiors with offices in Palm Beach and New York City. Sanders has completed memorable and elegant projects in New York City, the Hamptons, Boston, Nantucket, Palm Beach, Aspen, California, Paris and beyond. In addition to his residential work, Sanders has designed three iconic hotels and participated in the prestigious Kips Bay Decorator Show House New York. For the Kips Bay Decorator Show House Palm Beach 2023, he has been selected to design the family room.

His interest in design began when he was a young boy in his hometown of Piqua, Ohio. His father and grandfather were real estate investors and home builders. Young Sanders' eye was captured by the finer details of the homes; the lines in the bricks or the shades of grey in the stone. He also saw the layout and design of rooms from a bird's eye view, envisioning where furniture could be placed, or the color palette of the room.

"My grandfather noticed my affinity for design and began to let me decorate the spec homes he was building," Sanders says. "At 10 or 12 years old he was asking me what I thought of floor plans and he would actually take my advice."

Sanders' mother and grandmother also nurtured his interest. "My grandmother used to let me rearrange the furniture in her house," he says. "My family truly embraced my interests."

Sanders earned his undergraduate



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at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. After graduation, he moved to New York City.

"I've never looked back," says Sanders who, with his husband Peter Wilson, owns homes in East Hampton and Palm Beach.

Sanders began his professional career at Ralph Lauren, working in the company's interior design department as a lead interior designer. When he decided to leave the company to attend Parsons School of Design, Ralph Lauren offered to work with his education schedule and he began working

in the Madison Avenue office.

When Sanders returned to New York City and decorated his apartment, he began to get compliments on his design ability. His first paying client was his eye doctor — who he is still in touch with — in 1995.

"I knew this was where I had been heading, and I began to build my own business," Sanders says.

He founded his firm Scott Sanders Interior Designs in 2000 and has since had his work featured in a myriad of impressive publications, including *Architectural Digest*, *House*

Beautiful, Galerie, The Washington Post and many more. Sanders is the author of two books: *The Insider Guide to the Lord Baltimore Hotel and Baltimore, Too* and *Picture Perfect: Designing the New American Family Home*. His business increased dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic, when people were forced to spend more time in their homes or sought homes in other cities. Having moved to Palm Beach to ride out COVID, Sanders began to work with New York clients who had purchased homes in Florida. In short order, he opened a Palm Beach office, which continues to grow.

Despite the company's growth, Sanders is still intimately involved in every project. "We limit what we take on so I can take part in all of our jobs," Sanders says. "I love to be hands-on."

His designs fuse vintage and modern styles, seeking out classic pieces that dovetail with a new feel to establish an eclectic and classic feel. "Design elements need to be cohesive and to flow throughout a home," Sanders notes. "You want a warm and inviting room, somewhere you want to spend more time alone, or entertaining."

Colors can be inspired by geography. In locales like Palm Beach, blues and pastels may dominate, while in New York City, grays and other shades tell the story of a home.

Sanders and Wilson have had a property on the East End for 15 years, and they recently built a new home in East Hampton. "It is so important to plan every aspect of a home before ground is broken," Sanders says. "Everybody needs to have the same goals and vision from the start."

He has a long list of loyal clients. "I am very fortunate," he says. "I love my clients."

But what Sanders does — what any good designer does — is help create a better environment for people to live better. A welcoming room can change the way a person thinks or feels.

"It's more than just design," Sanders says. "I want people to know what a beautifully-designed room can do for how you live, and how you feel. I love doing this work."

Todd Shapiro is an award-winning publicist and associate publisher of Dan's Papers.



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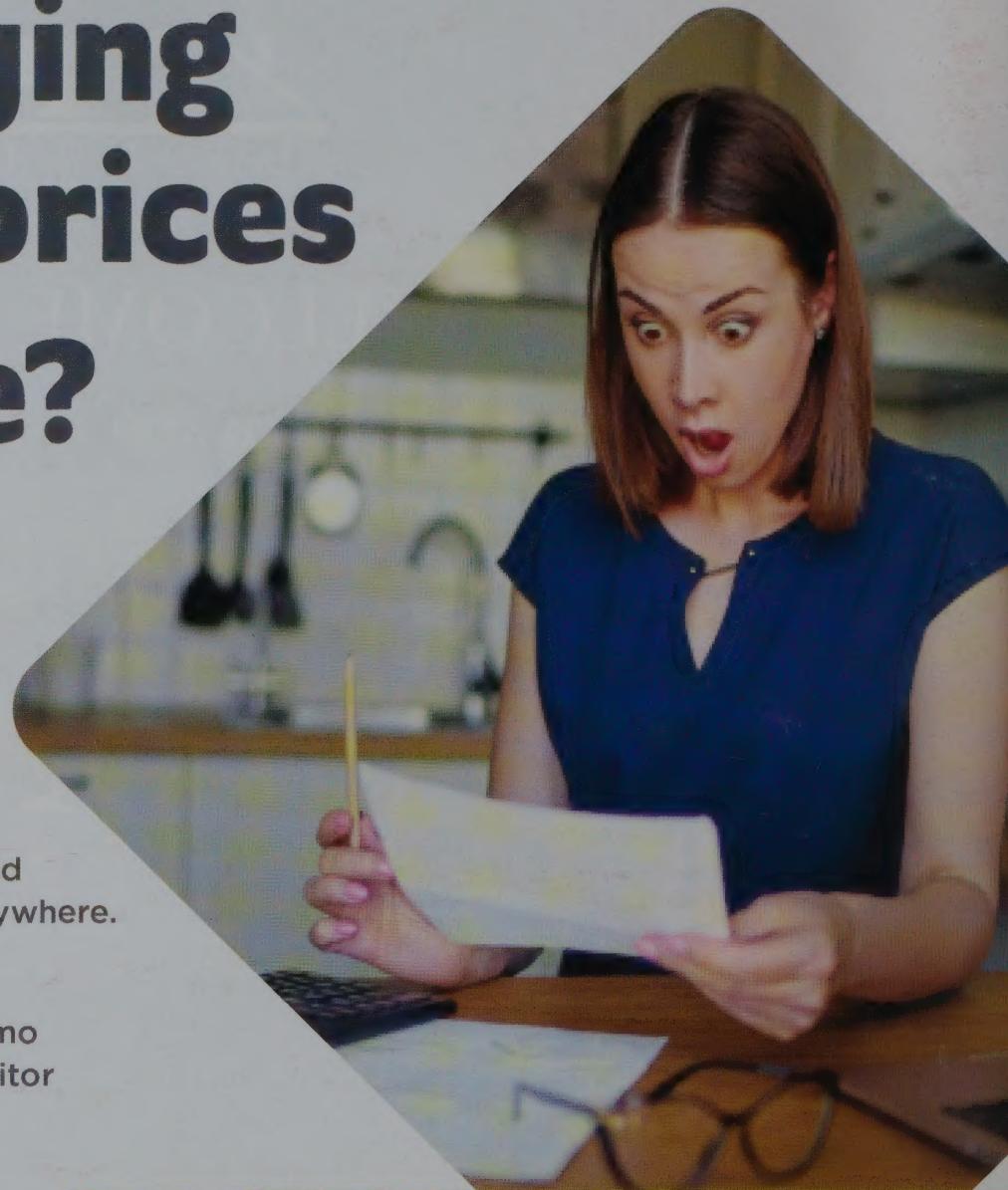
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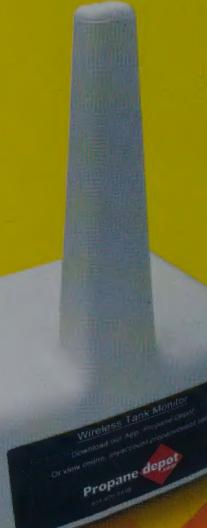


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